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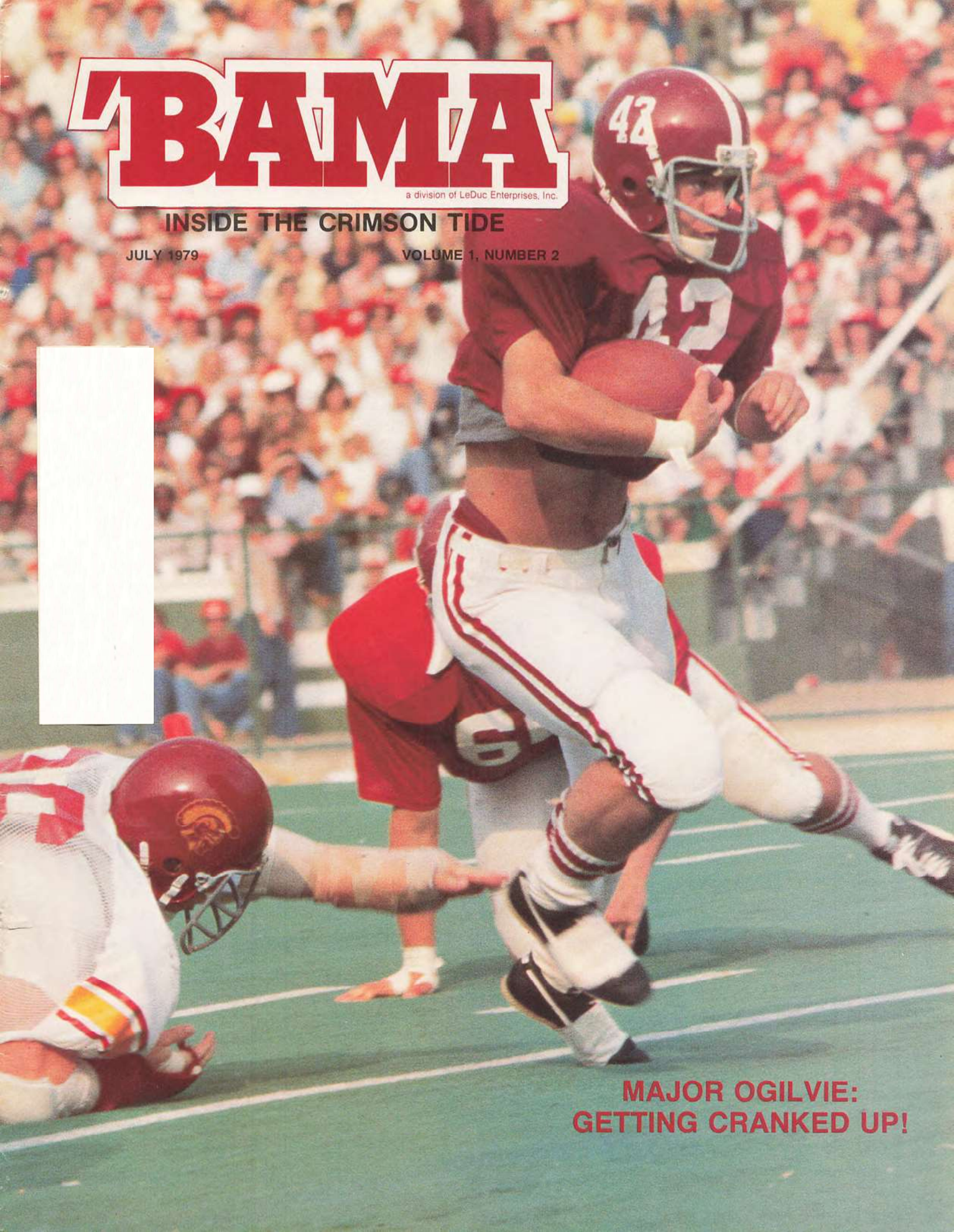

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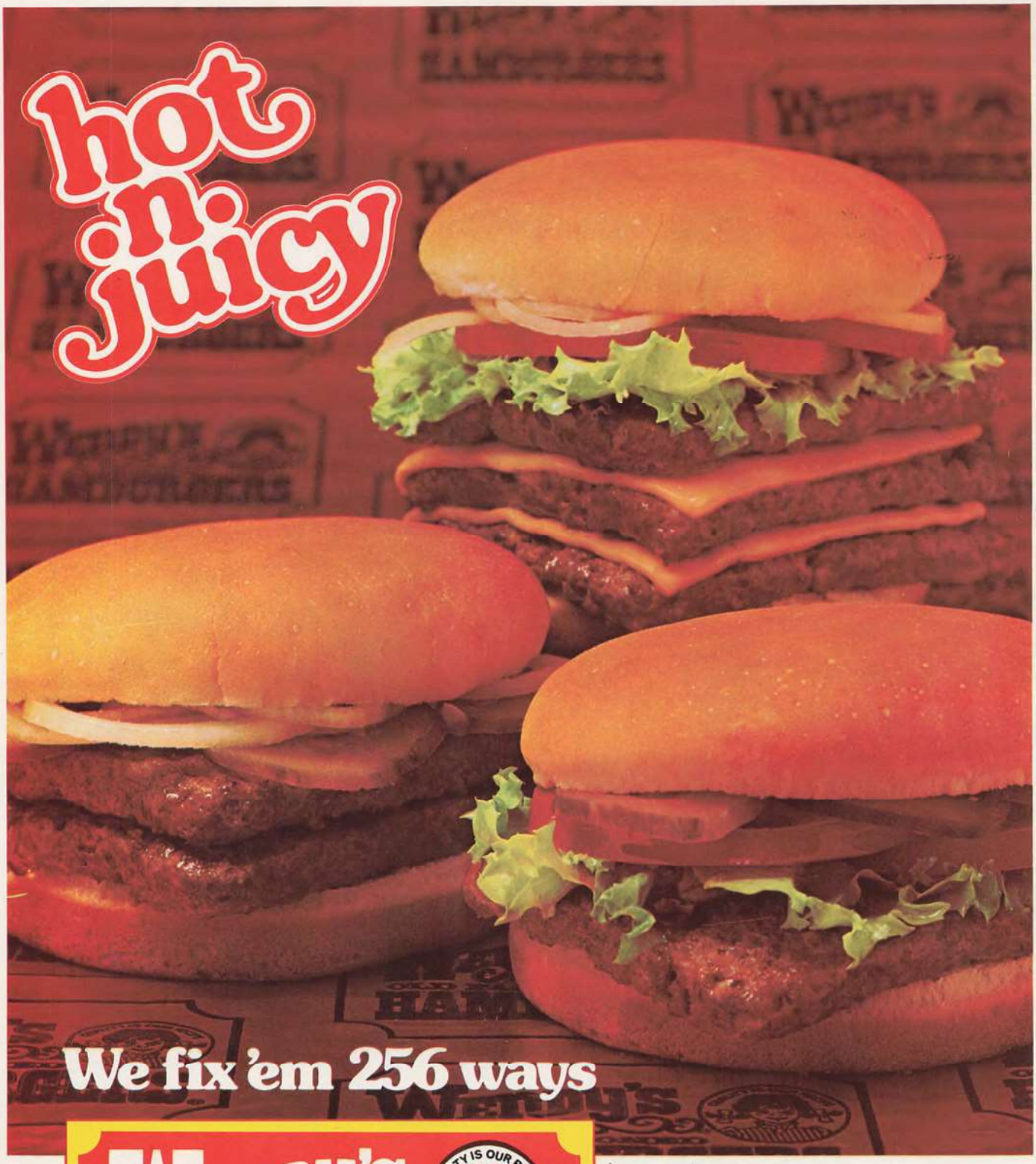
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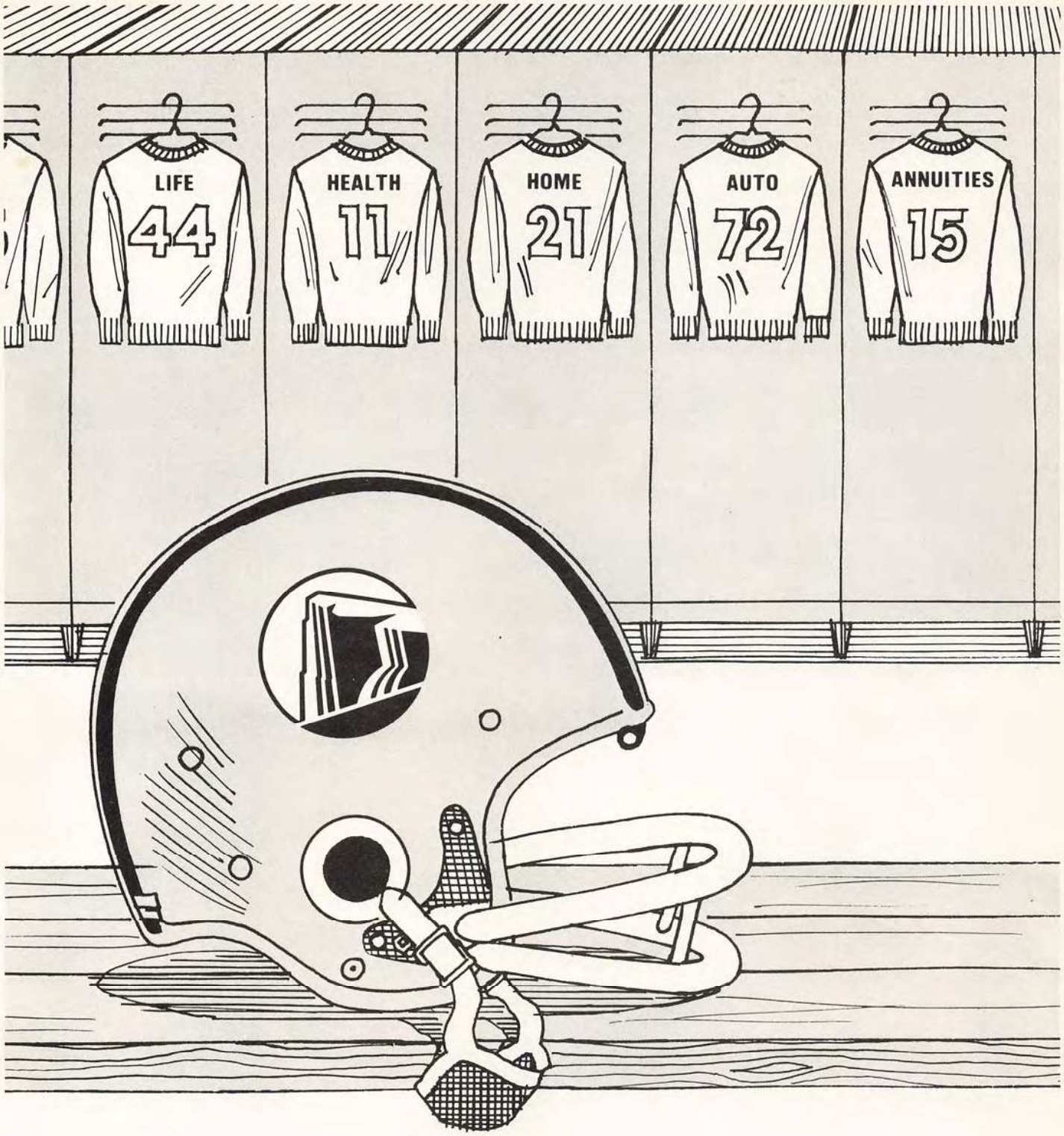

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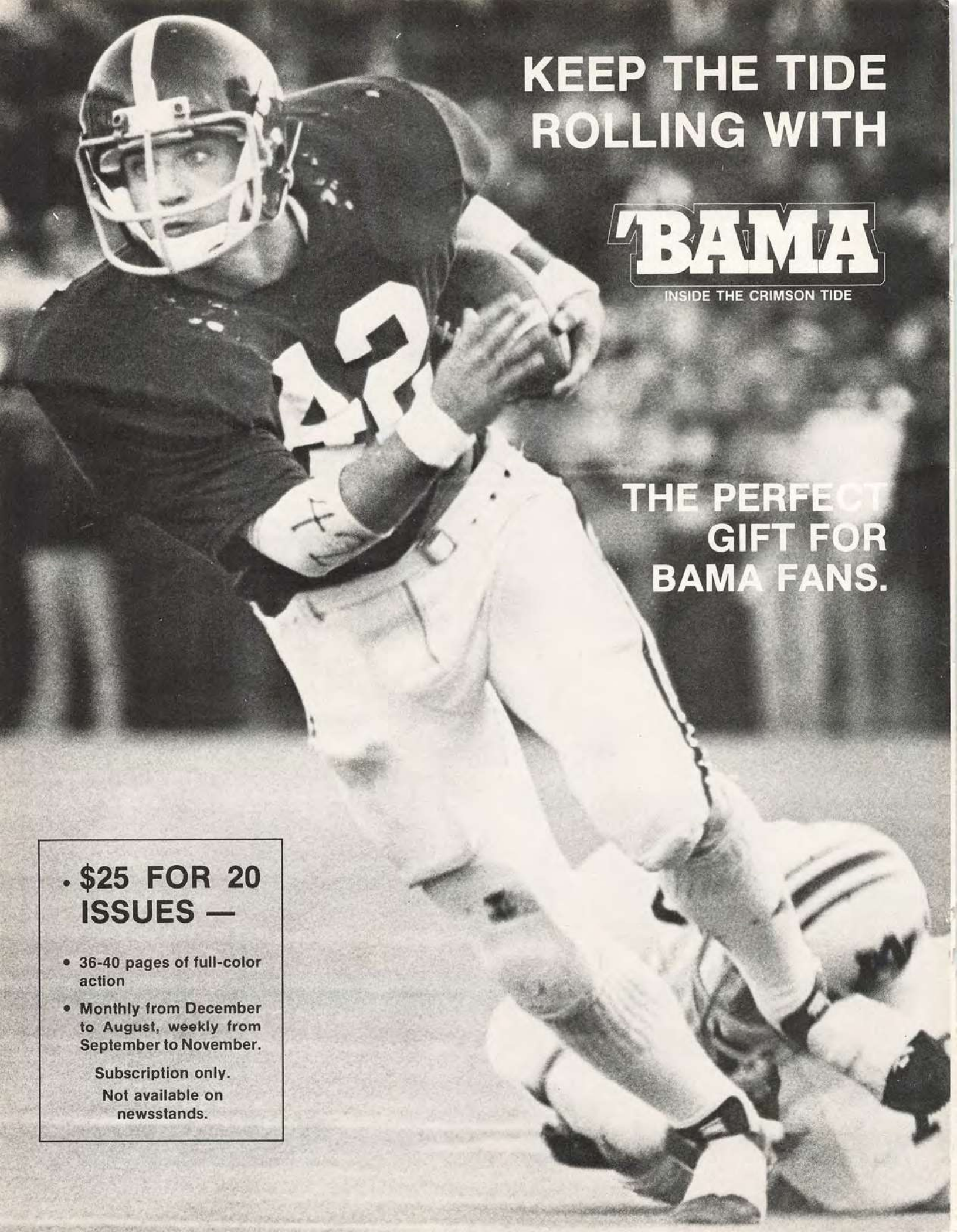
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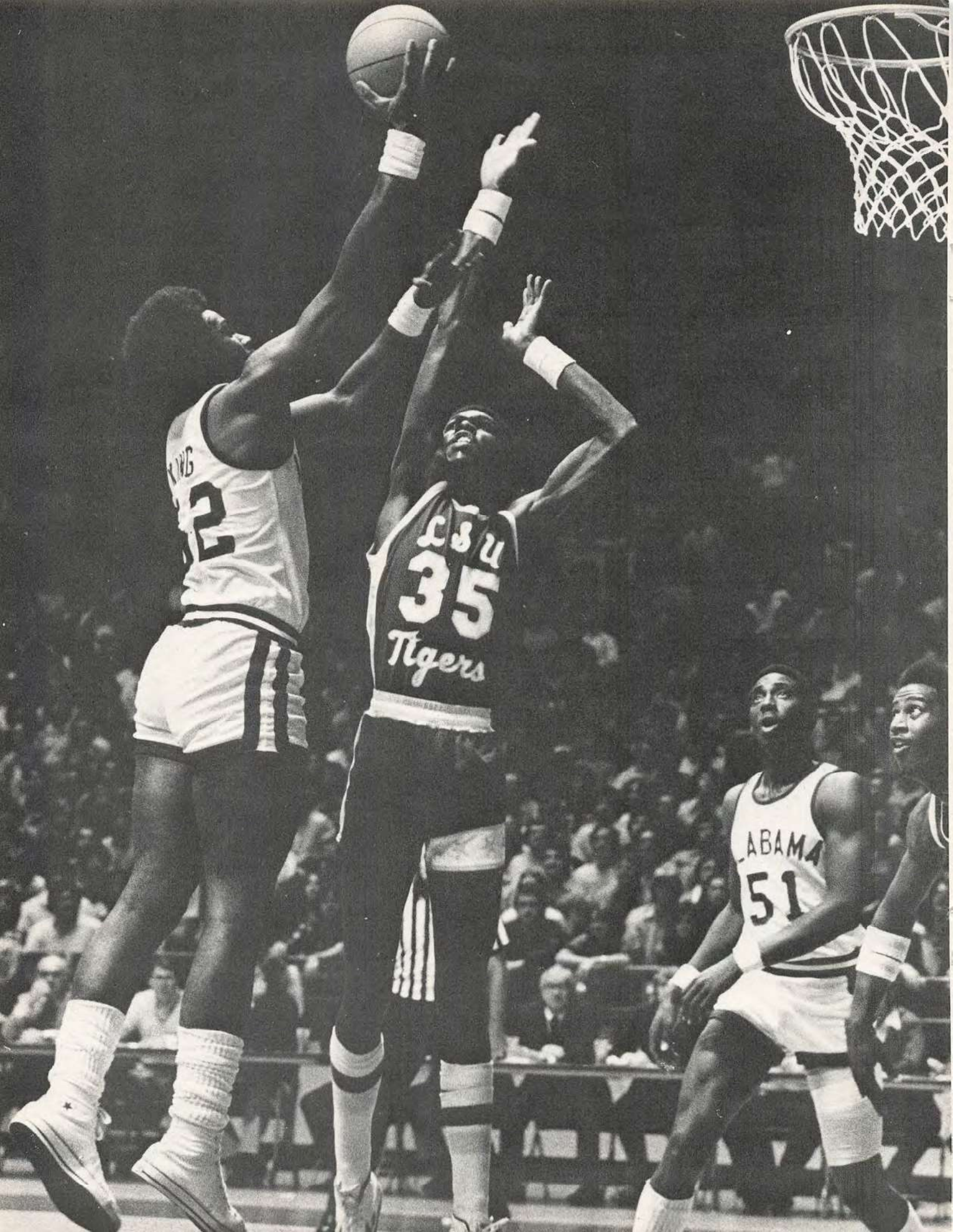
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TIDE BASKETBALL:

'ORIENT EXPRESS' TOUR

by Kirk McNair

The University of Alabama basketball team may be eating its pre-game meals with chopsticks, but the effort to feed themselves isn't likely to be nearly that of the games they play.

Bama was selected to make a two-week, seven-game goodwill tour of Japan, playing that nation's team that is preparing for the 1980 Olympics. The Tide is in the midst of that tour now. Coach C.M. Newton was allowed to take all members of the 1979 team who return for 1980, plus graduated star Reggie King. It's a situation that has to be good for 1979-80 Bama competition, even though incoming freshmen could not be included.

Basketball players by nature seem to play their game as much year-round as any athletes, so they are never really out of practice. But the disciplined workouts that began July 1 and continued until the team left for Japan July 11, plus the seven games and several practices being held in Japan, will be far better training than the pickup games that Tide players would have been participating in over this period. Basketball players are human, and pickup games tend to concentrate on shooting, not on the tough defense and rigors of fast break play that pay dividends against Southeastern Conference competition.

The Tide has a 10-man team in Japan. In addition to King, Bama players are returning starters Robert "Rah Rah" Scott and Joe Hancock at guards and Eddie Phillips and Ken Johnson at forwards; center Phillip Lockett; guard Eddie Adams; center Chris Bragwell (who was red-shirted last season); forward Carl Mitchell; and forward Maurice Myers. Reggie Strickland, a walk on guard, was also a member of last year's team but he suffered a knee injury in December and is still recovering from the

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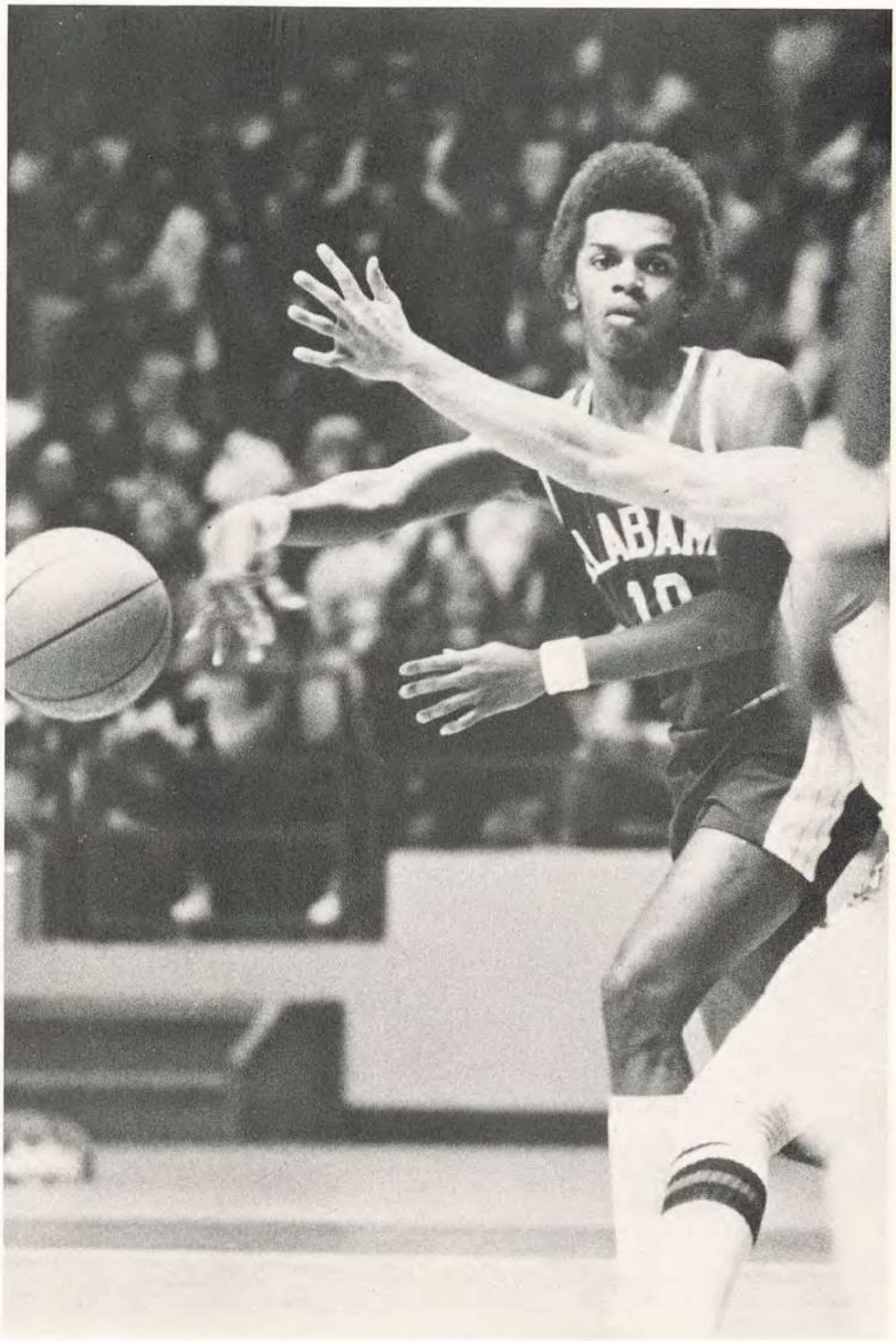


Left: Reggie King's hand dwarfs the ball as the Bama senior goes in for two. Right: Robert Scott runs the offense against a tight defense. Both King and Scott toured Japan on a goodwill tour this summer.

It's 'hands up' defense for Joe Hancock (41) and Ken Johnson (32).

resulting surgery. Reggie, incidentally, was given an additional year of eligibility on a hardship redshirt rule and will be a sophomore again this season.

If Alabama can pick up where the Tide left off in 1979 and gain an advantage with the Japanese tour, Bama fans can realistically expect another season of at least 22 victories — as there have been six of the past seven years.

It was generally assumed as Bama entered the SEC tournament last spring that the Tide was not as good a basketball team as it had been earlier in the year. Alabama ended regular season play with an 11-7 conference mark, tied for third with Vanderbilt and Mississippi State, behind LSU and Tennessee. The Tide opened the tournament with an 81-64 victory over Florida. The second night of the tournament produced one of the finest basketball games ever played in the South. Unfortunately for Alabama, the Tide finished up on the bottom end of a 101-100 decision at the hands of Kentucky. Alabama had a 55-49 lead at the half, particularly notable in view of the fact that less than two months earlier the same two teams had played an entire game in which the final score was a 55-52 Tide win.

Most would have expected the Bama season to end at that point, 18-10. However, such was not the case. A surprise was an invitation to play in the nation's oldest post season basketball tournament, the NIT. The invitation was so unexpected that coach Newton was fishing and could not be reached until several hours after the bid had been made and accepted by Alabama Associate Athletic Director Sam Bailey.

A recent format of the tournament is for early round games to be played away from New York's Madison Square Garden, bringing only the final four teams to the Big Apple. Bama was picked to host a first round game in Birmingham and the Tide outlasted a crafty St. Bonaventure team, 98-89. That gave Alabama another host meeting, this game matching the finalists of the Sugar Bowl tournament from late December, Alabama and Virginia. Bama's King was outstanding, scoring 43 points and leading the Tide to its second win of the year over Virginia, 90-88.

The NIT then drew to give two teams byes to New York. Alabama was not one of them. Bama had to go to Houston to meet Texas A&M. When the Tide fell behind by 24-6 midway through the first half the Aggies began celebrating. However, they didn't count on Alabama determination. Coach C.M. Newton told his team to keep its composure, peck away at the lead and stay patient. Bama did and by intermission the Texas A&M lead had melted to only six points. Bama scored the first eight points of the second half to take the lead and held on down the stretch for a 72-68 victory. It was on to New York.

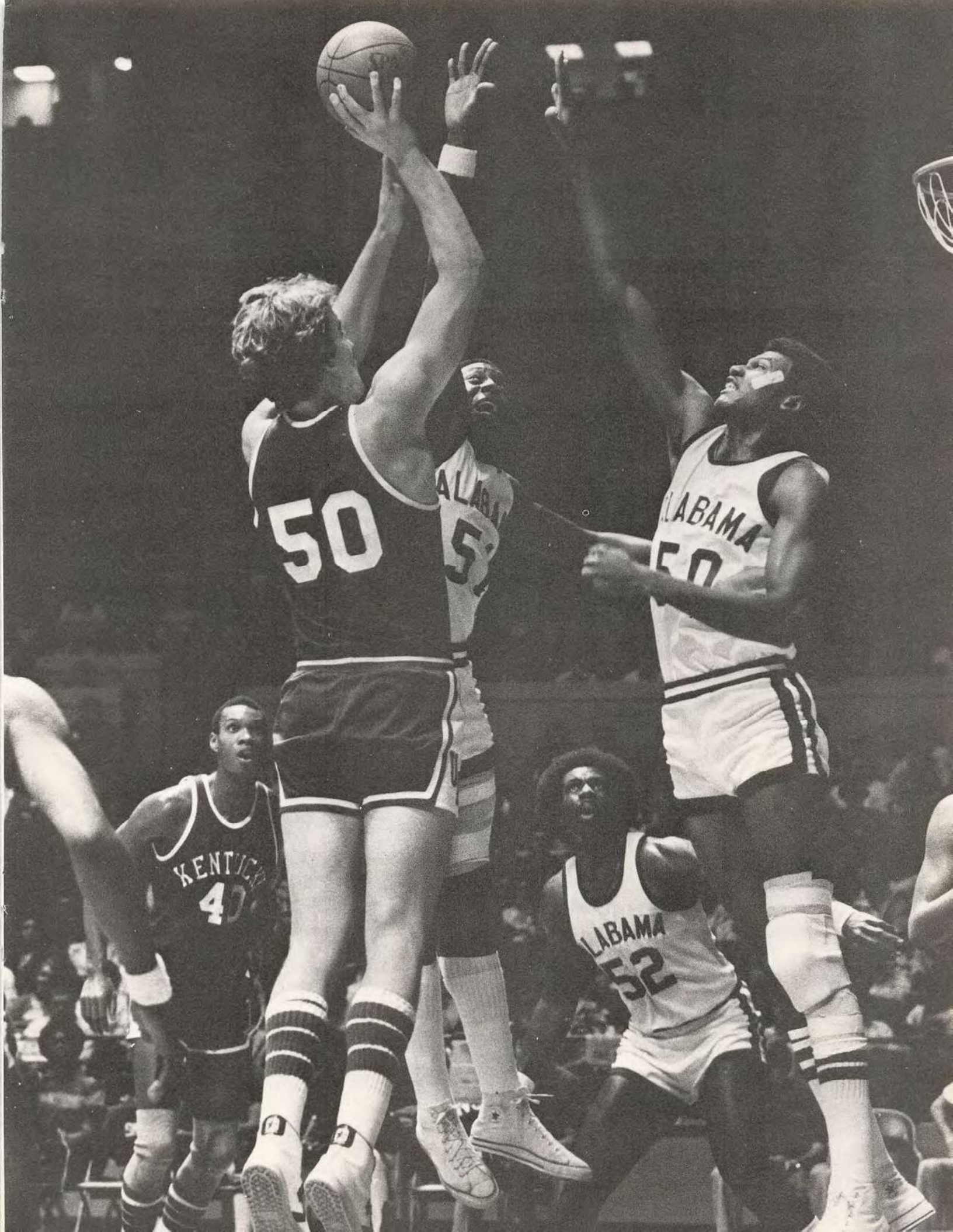
Alabama ran into too much Joe Barry Carroll when the Tide met Purdue in the semifinals of the NIT. The 7-1 center scored almost at will and the Boilermakers rolled to an 87-65 decision. It's hard to get a team up to play a consolation game, but Bama played one of its best games all year to take third place in the tournament with a 96-86 win over Ohio State, giving Alabama a 22-11 record.

Alabama set numerous school records in both team and individual play, and King set a new NIT scoring record of 132 points.

Remembering the success that Purdue's 7-1 Carroll had against Bama, consider the task facing Alabama in Japan. The Japanese team has a 7-4, 311-pound center and several other players 6-8, 6-7 and 6-6. Only two of the 15 players on the Japanese roster are under six feet. ★

— Kirk McNair

Even All-America Reggie King (52) looks on with awe as freshmen Eddie Phillips (51) and Phillip Lockett (50) soar high to block a shot against Kentucky.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The 1892 team which started Alabama's football tradition with a 56-0 win. The players: 1 Abbott, 2 Bayle, 3 Manager Bush, 4 Pratt, 5 Coach Beaumont, 6 Cope, 7 Smith, 8 Savage, 9 Bankhead, 10 Captain Little, 11 Henderson, 12 Grayson, 13 McCants, 14 Walker, 15 Frazer, 16 Ferguson, 17 Kyser.

HISTORY OF ALABAMA ATHLETICS

THE DAWN OF A TRADITION

You wouldn't have to be a particularly young person to think that Alabama football greatness began in 1958 when Paul "Bear" Bryant returned to head coach the Crimson Tide. Certainly the past 21 years have been a great era of Alabama football. But while coach Bryant's teams have added immeasurably to the fame of the Crimson Tide, Alabama was earning its football reputation years before.

University of Alabama President Dr. David Mathews addressed a Bama team at its senior banquet several years ago. He said:

"No one can help but be aware of the rich tradition that is associated with this team and with this University. There are people too old now to go to the games who still remember wearing a crimson and white jersey, men for whom the University of Alabama has great meaning. There are also some young men who are still too young to be left alone in the stadium now who would like one day to wear a crimson and white jersey and to be a part of the University of Alabama. That is tradition and it's something which is very, very important and very much a part of the University of Alabama.

"Tradition is a burden in many ways. To have a tradition like ours means that you can't quit; to have a tradition like ours means that you can't lose your 'cool'; to have a tradition like ours means that you always have to show 'class,' even when you are not quite up to it; to have a tradition like ours means that you have to do some things that you don't want to do and some you even think you can't do, simply because the tradition demands it of you. On the other hand, tradition is the thing that sustains us. Tradition is that which allows us to prevail in ways that we could not

otherwise.

"I'm convinced that greatness in any field has to come out of some kind of tradition. And our job is to make certain that the tradition that is the University of Alabama means as much and stands for as much for those who are yet to come, as it has for us and those who have gone before us."

Tradition, of course, is won by a long, hard, slow process. It can't be bought, other than by blood, sweat and tears, in football.

That tradition building at Alabama began in 1892. Sports, particularly baseball, were already popular at Alabama when W.G. Little of Livingston arrived on the Bama campus. He had gone to prep school at Phillips in Andover, Massachusetts, and had planned to go to Yale, but a death in the family brought him home to the closer University of Alabama. In Massachusetts he had been introduced to the game of football and included in his belongings when he arrived at Bama were his canvas uniform, cleated shoes and football. He had a great enthusiasm for the game and had little trouble attracting enough young men to field a team. The roster would include W.B. Bankhead, who would go on to be Speaker of the House in the United States Congress, and Bibb Graves, who would serve two terms of Governor. Even then Alabama football was turning out leaders.

E.N. Beaumont of Pennsylvania, which was already a football hotbed, was Bama's first coach; Little was the first captain. Auburn, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Vanderbilt had all beaten Alabama into the game of college football, but the Tide has done quite well despite its late start.

Members of the first team were: right end D.A. Grayson, left end Burr Ferguson, right tackle F.M. Savage, left tackle Eli Abbott, right guard R.E.L. Cope, left guard Little, center H.M. Pratt, quarterback W.M. Walker, right halfback G.H. Kyser, left halfback D.H. Smith, fullback Bankhead and subs A.G. McCants, D.B. Johnson, T. Sydney Frazer, R.E. Boyle, C.C. Nesmith, M.P. Walker, S.W. Henderson and Graves.

Accounts of Alabama's first game are somewhat sketchy. Newspapers of the day seemed primarily concerned with describing the handsomeness of the players, the enthusiasm of the supporters and the greatness of the game of football. However, Alabama did begin its football history with a convincing victory, 56-0.

Alabama's first game was played in Birmingham on Friday, Nov. 11, 1892, at the old Lakeview Park. Opposition was furnished by a picked team from Professor Taylor's school and Birmingham high schools. Bama's great size, a team averaging 162 pounds per man, was listed as a critical advantage for the University team.

As long as the team was in Birmingham, it seems, another game was scheduled the following day, this time against the Birmingham Athletic Club. Professor Taylor, who had played for the opposition in the inaugural game, was also captain of BAC. Alabama got a touchdown when Little scored on a guard-around play, but BAC got a 65-yard field goal from J.P. Ross. Impossible though it may seem, this field goal was listed as a collegiate record at one time and newspapers of the day featured its distance in writeups of the game. The worst thing about it was that scoring in those days was four points for a touchdown and five points for a field goal. Bama had missed on its kick after touchdown, which would have counted two points, and the result was Alabama's record was even at 1-1.

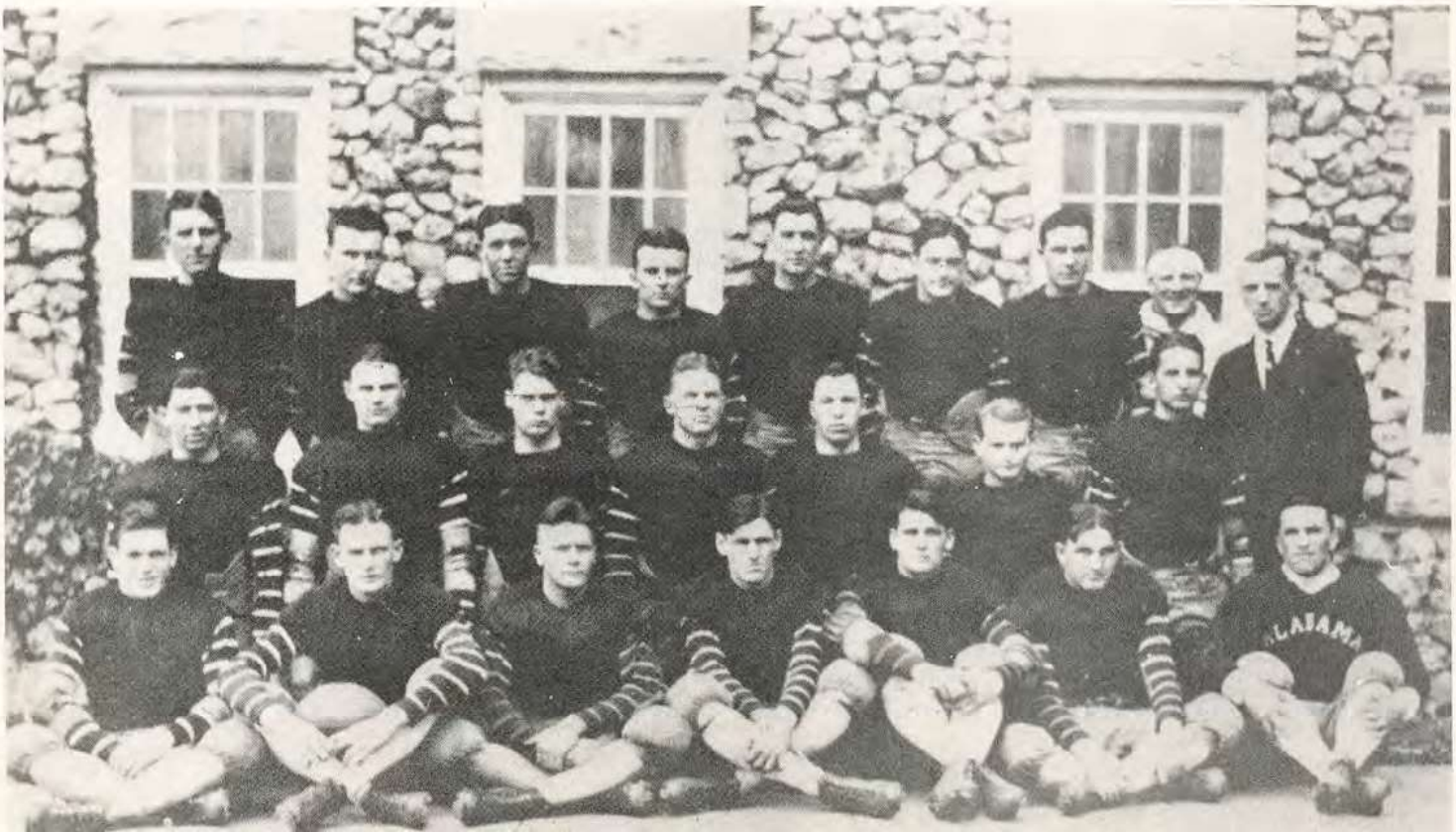
Alabama got back on the winning side and also earned its first ever revenge when in early December the University took BAC 14-10, again in Birmingham.

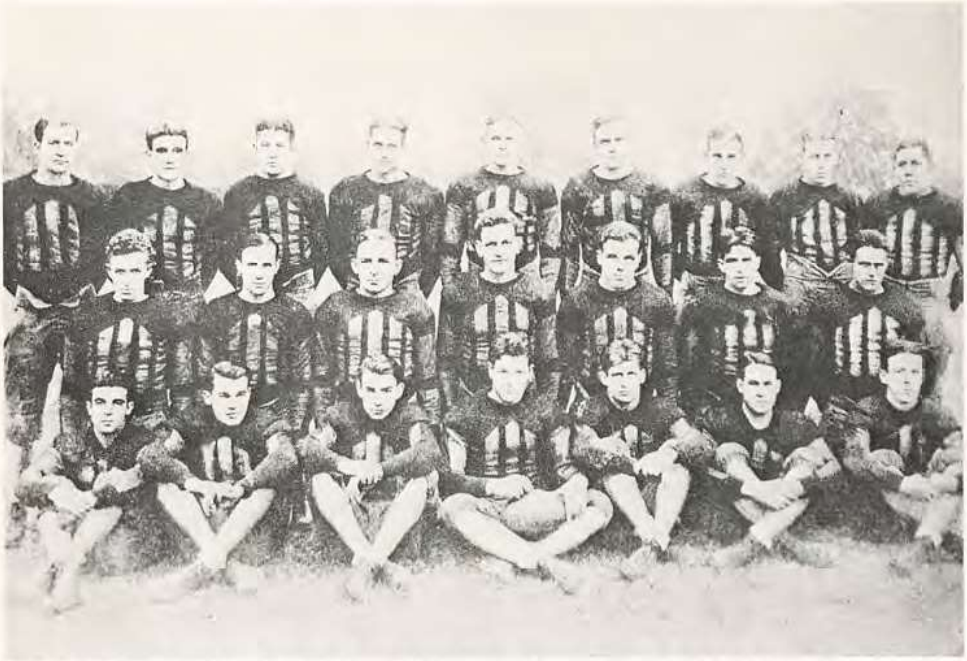
It was more than two months before Alabama would play the fourth and final game of its initial season, meeting Auburn on February 22, 1893, part of Birmingham's Washington Day celebration.

Some 5,000 curious fans turned out to see a game that now draws nearly 80,000. An early portent of the demand for tickets was that there was only one ticket booth for that first game and extra ticket takers had to be called in.

Again there is little factual information of the game available. Auburn won 32-22, using the flying wedge, tight ball control and leading the game all the way. The game was plagued by injuries, fumbles, short punts and spectators running onto the field after touchdowns. Running up the middle, through tackle and around end, the Tigers scored twice on 65-yard dashes, once from the 20 and several times from less than five yards.

Below: The Crimson Tide's 1922 team defeated Pennsylvania in Philadelphia 9-7 to become the first team from the South to win against the East.





Washington was the victim when Alabama's 1925 team, above, won its first bowl game, the 1926 Rose Bowl, by a 20-19 count.

Coach Beaumont was an early casualty of failure to win football games, being dismissed after his — and Alabama's — first season of football. Alabama's school yearbook, the *Corolla,* reported, "We were unfortunate in securing a coach. After keeping him for a short time, we found that his knowledge of the game was very limited. We therefore 'got rid' of him."

The sport rapidly caught the students' fancy and the game became a favorite with University athletes.

Alabama's "modern" football history generally dates from 1933, the first year of Southeastern Conference competition. But Bama had already earned a national football reputation at that time.

Alabama had been in the football business for 39 years prior to the formation of the SEC and was already one of the nation's famous teams, primarily because of Bama's successful participation in the most prestigious game of every season, the Rose Bowl.

Going into the 1933 season Alabama could boast of a 200-79-19 football record, a winning percentage of better than 70 percent. Among the accomplishments in those early years was a 20-game winning streak, put together under the coaching of the great Wallace Wade, beginning with the last game of the 1924 season and carrying through the ninth game of 1926, still the longest winning streak in Alabama history. The Tide had forged winning records against all of its traditional opponents save one, Georgia Tech. Although the All-America teams had been limited to Eastern players for almost half of Bama's first 39 years of competition, seven Alabama players had been honored with All-America recognition by 1933 — tackle W.T. "Bully" VandeGraaf in 1915, quarterback A.T.S. "Pooley" Hubert in 1925, end Hoyt "Wu" Winslett in 1926, fullback Tony Holm in 1929, halfback John Suther and tackle Fred Sington in 1930 and fullback Johnny Cain in 1931.

There were two games during that period which established Alabama and Southern football. In 1922 Alabama did what no other team from the South had been able to accomplish. The Tide defeated Pennsylvania, the South's first win against the East. The game was played in Philadelphia with Bama coming out on top 9-7. Shorty Propst gave Bama a 2-0 lead when he blocked a punt out of the end zone for a safety, but Penn rallied to take the lead 7-2. In the fourth quarter Bama's Charles Bartlett went 29 yards to the Penn six and three plays later Allen Graham McCartee went in for the winning score. The win touched off the biggest victory celebration in Tuscaloosa history.

Football historians still speak of the 1926 Rose Bowl game as the most exciting in the annals of the Pasadena classic. Washington, featuring the great halfback George Wilson, was widely regarded as the nation's finest team. Alabama, though undefeated and scored on only once (in a 50-7 win), was expected to be little trouble for Washington. The experts scoffed at Bama because its record had been forged against the likes of Union College, Birmingham Southern, LSU, Sewanee, Georgia Tech, Mississippi State, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia.

Washington made it look easy in the first half, rolling to a 12-0 lead and, as Damon Runyon wrote it in his Universal Service story, "You wouldn't have given a nickel for Alabama's chances as the second half opened. The Crimson Tide of Southern football was on the ebb. Two touchdowns behind and badly outplayed by the champions of the Pacific Coast all throughout the first half — that was the situation. And 45,000 spectators . . . were wondering just what excuse the Alabamans had for coming here other than a desire to see the country. Then, suddenly, Alabama unleashed a species of human wildcat named Pooley Hubert, quarterback of the Alabama team, . . . and before the Washington lads fully realized what was happening this Pooley Hubert was all over them, kicking and scratching and throwing forward passes. . . . He was responsible, more than any one man, for Alabama's defeat of Washington by a score of 20-19."

The game is still recalled more than a half century later as Bama struck for three touchdowns in less than seven minutes — the last two on passes from Hubert to Johnny Mack Brown, who would later return to Hollywood to star for years as a cowboy movie star.

Game referee Walter Eckersall wrote later, "Washington is a mighty fine team and deserving of a lot of credit for its great game. But the lion's share of the honors belong to the team from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a town now placed on the map by a band of players who placed the southern brand of football on a par at least with that played in other sections of the country. . . ."

It was the beginning of Alabama's unparalleled bowl history, but more than that a significant step for Crimson Tide and Southern football.

It was also one of Alabama's five pre-SEC undefeated seasons — the others coming in 1897, 1906, 1926 and 1930. Bama returned to the Rose Bowl in 1927, gaining a 7-7 tie with Stanford, and again in 1931, humbling Washington State 31-0. After entrance into the SEC, Bama would make three more trips to the Rose Bowl before Pasadena shut off Southern entry. The Crimson Tide record in the Granddaddy of Bowl Games is a sparkling 4-1-1.

In the first 25 years of Alabama football, there were 14 different coaches. In the 60 years since World War I, there have been only six — Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas (both members of the National Football Hall of Fame), Harold Drew, J.B. Whitworth and Paul Bryant.

This has been the progress of the Alabama football tradition.★

— Kirk McNair

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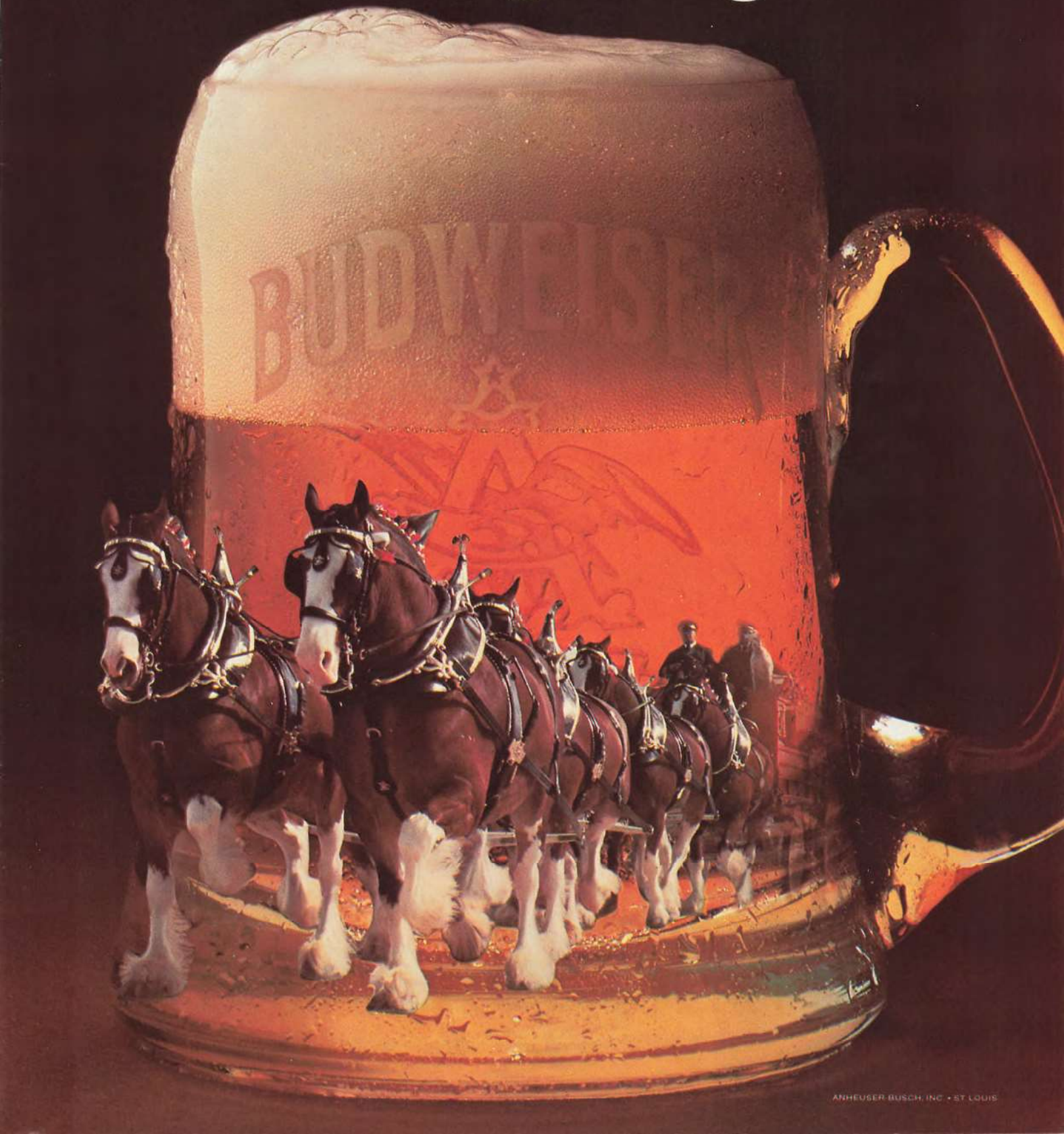

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OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING

WHERE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE WON

by Hank Brownstone

Suddenly the national collegiate football championship had come down to one play — a war to be waged on 10 inches of artificial surface in the New Orleans Superdome.

Alabama was leading the Sugar Bowl game 14-7, but Penn State was less than a foot away from a possible winning touchdown.

The drama was as thick as the muscles rippling on the 22 young men about to engage in a crucial and classic showdown. It was an overpowering force, Penn State, putting its Number One ranking on the line against an immovable object, Alabama, with a prestigious crown awaiting the victor.

The ball was snapped and bodies collided. Penn State fullback Mike Guman lunged forward behind a wall of blockers. Alabama linebacker Barry Krauss, with help from a host of other defenders, met the ball-carrier head-on. A whistle sounded and a mass of humanity started unpiling.

Then came the verdict. Alabama had stopped Penn State and was on its way to one of its greatest conquests.

For Mike Marks, that goal line stand was all the more pleasing. He is an Alabama assistant coach in charge of strength and conditioning, and it is apparent that physical superiority had a lot to do with the Crimson Tide stopping a would-be Penn State charge to glory.

It is with those memories that Marks directs a demanding off-season conditioning program for Alabama football players.

It is with aspirations for a repeat national championship that Crimson Tide players moan, groan and sweat during summer months to better prepare themselves for victorious fall Saturdays.

Like his boss, head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, Marks believes championships are won through vigorous off-season training — hours of stress in the weight room, miles of running on a lonely track and an assortment of exercises to improve coordination and flexibility.

"Our players are expected to dedicate themselves to getting better in the off-season and are receptive to it," said Marks, who became strength coach in 1977 after joining the Alabama family as an assistant track coach in 1975. "They work hard for 11 months out of every year so they can be winning players.

"If a guy wanted to, he could slide by during the off-season and shirk that responsibility. But after a couple of practices in the fall, it is easy to tell who has been lazy.

"We keep daily tabs on our players. We expect them to improve. A stronger, well-conditioned athlete has more control over his body, so we strive for perfection. We want our players to be as physically perfect as possible, so their bodies can react quickly to what their minds tell them to do."

Marks, who works closely with Alabama trainers Jim Goostree and Henry "Sang" Lyda, has an eight-part formula for physical perfection. It consists of the elements he deems mandatory in the makeup of a championship player: strength, speed, flexibility, coordination, conditioning, proper training habits, motivation and mind.

Proper motivation taken for granted, strength takes the superior position among those ingredients. Why? Because Marks figures weight training under stress improves ability in other areas.

"There are several reasons why strength training is important to an athlete," Marks said. "The most basic reason is an athlete who works hard under intense stress will be better prepared to deal with the demanding situations he encounters in competition.

"When an athlete gets his muscles stronger, they will contract more efficiently and quickly. That improves speed by overcoming the negative inertia we all have.

"An increase in strength through stress helps create better contact between muscles and nerves. That helps reaction.

"Injury reduction is another factor. Athletes are exposed to more intensity than

"Crimson Tide players moan, groan and sweat during summer months to better prepare themselves for victorious fall Saturdays."

Barry Krauss' back muscles were well-prepared for the stop which helped give Alabama the 1978 national championship.

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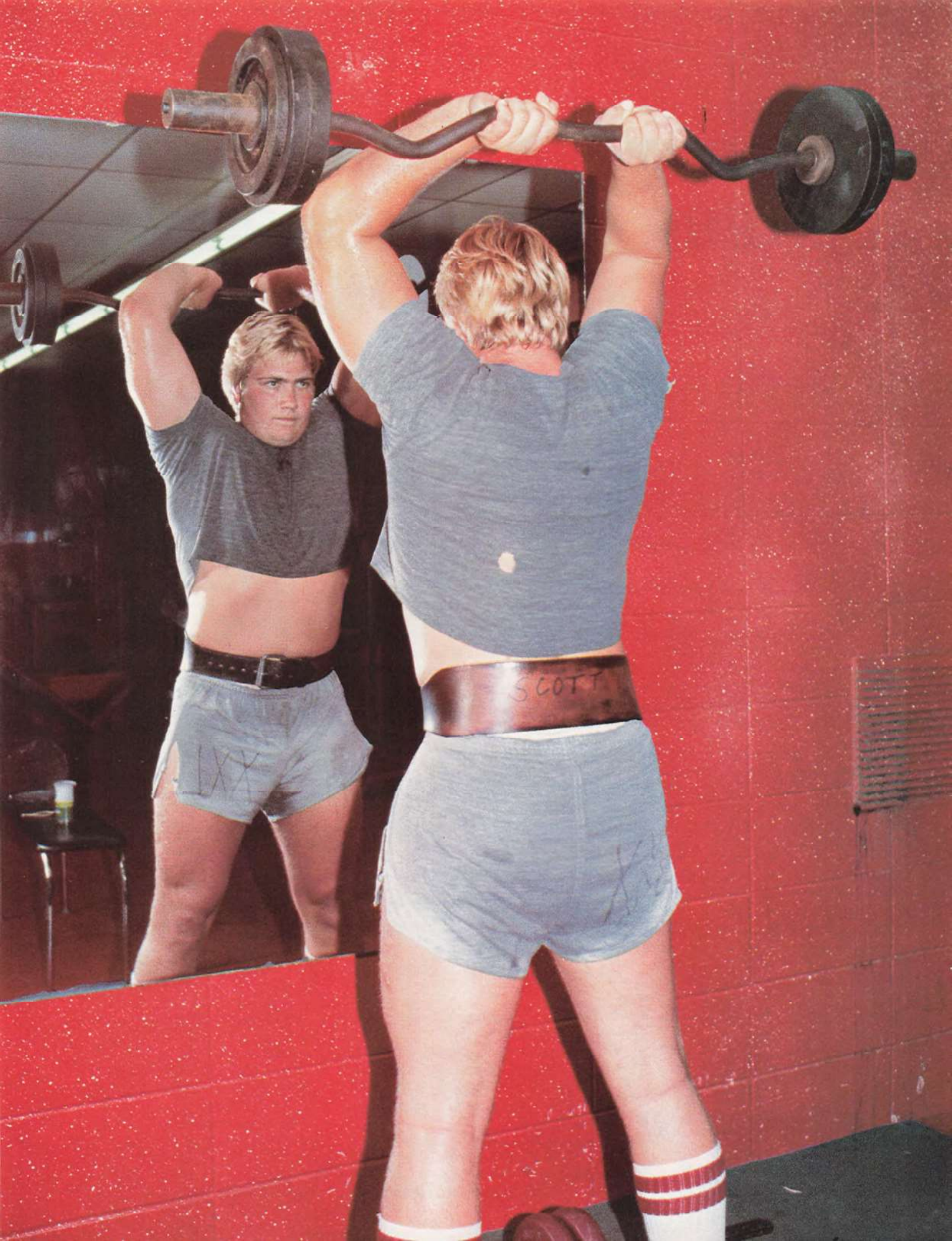
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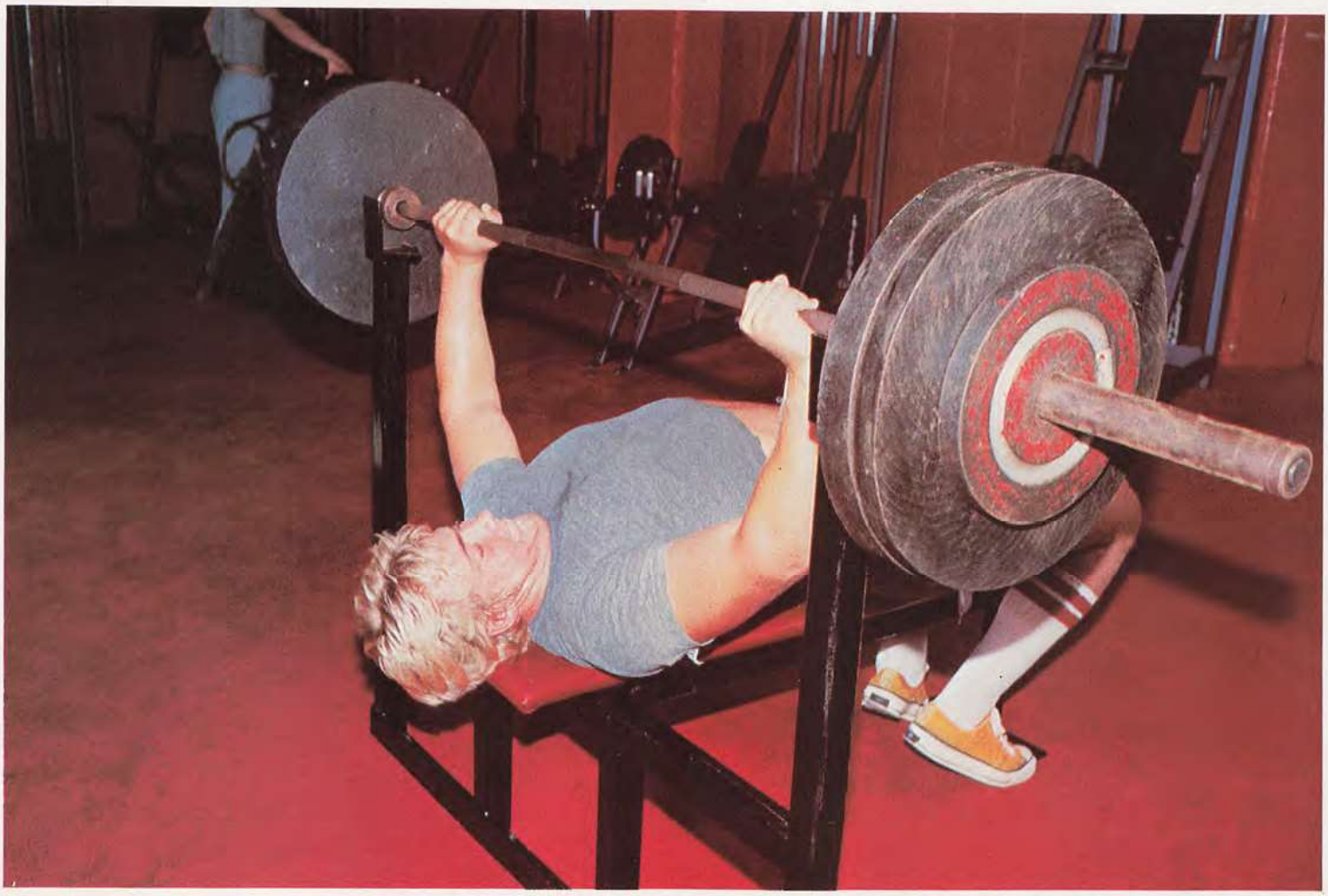

Brock gained 20 pounds of muscles through intensive weight training. Now, he says, "I am a better football player."

people in everyday life. Stronger muscles provide more padding to the joints.

"Every muscle in the body has an antagonistic muscle. Strength coaches and trainers are always in search for the proper balance between these muscle systems. We keep detailed charts on our athletes so we can better control the balance between muscle fibre and fat in their bodies. We have standards for every position on our football team, for instance, and are constantly in search of that perfect balance."

Marks says graduated All-America tackle Marty Lyons, a first-round draft by the New York Jets of the National Football League, is an excellent example of a well-conditioned player. At 6-foot-5, 250 pounds, he blended strength, coordination and reaction well enough to become one of the top defensive players in the nation last year.

'We have standards for every position on our football team, for instance, and are constantly in search of that perfect balance.'

"His fat-muscle ratio was in almost perfect proportion," Marks said. "I like to think Marty developed himself through weight training.

"Our system is designed to help our athletes show continuous physical development. Their motivation is very important, of course, because we have little control over such factors as diet, training habits and rest habits."

Alabama football players train on a prescribed schedule. During the season, they use a modified twice-weekly program in the weight room. The same program is used during spring practice. About one month of every year is dedicated to rest. All other non-practice months call for intense stress workouts, both in the weight room and on the field.

Marks names several players when asked for examples of those who have made great strides through off-season work. Among them is offensive guard Mike Brock, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound senior who gained 20 pounds between his sophomore and junior seasons and proceeded to make All-Southeastern Conference.

"That 20 pounds helped me a lot," Brock said. "The extra strength gave me more confidence.

"Not only was I stronger, but my flexibility and coordination improved. That shows the value of the full range of motion exercises we do.

"Since starting on our weight program, I have become a much better football player. I am stronger, better coordinated and quicker."

Granted Brock is only one of 95 scholarshipped players at Alabama, but when you consider his progress it is easy to understand how the Crimson Tide has made its climb to the top of the collegiate world. ★

Weight lifting is a matter of determination as much as it is a matter of strength. Mike Brock (left) lifts his weights with grim determination characteristic of Tide athletes.

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MAJOR OGILVIE:

GETTING CRANKED UP!

by Mike Bolton

It takes one only a short while to realize that the Birmingham suburb of Mountain Brook isn't your average little Alabama community.

Streets with picturesque names such as Canterbury Road, Overbrook Road and Surrey Lane wind past ivy-covered homes with magnolia-shaded terraces. The main street heads downtown to Mountain Brook Village, where a shirt might cost you $50 or you may purchase a set of snow skis from a store that sells nothing but snow-skiing equipment. There is a service station there that has a full-time Mercedes-Benz mechanic on duty.

There aren't any railroad tracks to live on the wrong side of here. Hard times would be the Winnebago needing new tires.

Over on the hill is Mountain Brook High School, where relatively plain buildings of faculty and students produce academic excellence. Somewhat surprisingly, this atmosphere also produced back-to-back Class 4A Alabama state football championship teams in 1975 and 1976. The reason is Mountain Brook High's 1977 alumnus Morgan Oslin Ogilvie.

He is known around the state of Alabama and in Southeastern Conference football camps as "Major," a tribute to an Army friend of his father's.

Major Ogilvie is a story almost too good to be true. He's the humble football hero who has a knack for making all at ease around him; all adore him. The athletes of the world should take lessons from Major. It was said that he came to the University of Alabama with such gleaming credentials and such publicity that his fellow freshmen in 1977 disliked him before they met him. Returning varsity players, too, had something approaching scorn for this new hotshot freshman.

By the end of the first week, Major could probably have been elected captain.

The city of Mountain Brook fell in love with him during the 1975 football season when it discovered he could do magic with a football. The junior rushed for some 1,300 yards that year and made prep All-America as the Spartans clinched their first state championship ever.

That proved to be Major's "bad" year.

The things Major did in 1976 were absolutely amazing. He rushed for 2,504 yards that senior season as he led his team to another perfect 13-0 season. In his final prep game ever and for the state championship against Murphy of Mobile, Major raced 80 yards for a touchdown on the first snap from center. He finished the game with 339 yards in 38 carries as Mountain Brook won 52-26 in a shootout that is still being talked about.

One would think that the fellow who scored the winning touchdown in the Crimson Tide's national championship win over Penn State in the Sugar Bowl might have trouble realizing he is still just human. That's not the case with Major. The touchdown which made the final score 14-7 was offensive execution at its best. Quarterback Jeff Rutledge dashed left from under center, optioned the defensive end (and pulled in the safety) then pitched the ball to the trailing Ogilvie. Getting a block from tight end Rick Neal, Major shook a tackle attempt and ran into the left corner of the end zone.

"Scoring gave me a great feeling," said the 6-0, 187-pound junior-to-be, "but, gosh, it was more a case of what everybody else did on the play. It worked just like it was drawn up."

Major made another key play in the game when he tackled Penn State defensive back Rich Milot at the end of a 55-yard return of an intercepted pass. The touchdown-saving tackle came at the Alabama 37-yard line. "I saw the ball when it was tipped (by Alabama fullback Steve Whitman at the Penn State 10) and intercepted, and that gave me a quick start," said Major.

CRIMSON GALLERY

Leading the Way

Every running back knows the importance of good blockers and no one realizes it more than "Touchdown" Tony Nathan (No. 22) who last year became the Tide's sixth best career rusher with 1,997 yards. Following the picture perfect blocking of Major Ogilvie, Nathan prepares to cut past off balance Mississippi State defenders.

Alabama fans seated in the end zone watch anxiously as Ogilvie confronts two Southern California Trojans.

One of Major's strengths is — his strength. His work on explosiveness helps him to break arm tackles such as the one above.

"Milot started towards me, then turned and went up the other sideline. I had a good angle, I thought if he got there I could stop him, and sure enough there he was." It wasn't the first touchdown-saving tackle Major had made. He was the last man between Auburn's fleet James Brook and the goal line on a kickoff return in the final regular season game and he dropped Brooks crisply in Bama's 34-16 victory.

Major is an accounting major at the University. He took off one day this summer to visit the campus to talk to a professor about a B grade that had been awarded in a spring course. Major made his point and now has another A on his record. He turned down several accounting jobs this summer to work in a non-air conditioned mining company warehouse. He can be found at noon everyday with his feet dangling off the warehouse dock and eating sandwiches his mother packed in a brown bag. This is usually the time he answers his fellow workers' questions, such as, "What is Bear Bryant really like?"

"I answer a lot of questions," said Major on a recent off Saturday (he works every other weekend). "There are a lot of Alabama fans working there."

Major's work day begins with an early rising at 5 a.m., a little breakfast and a shower, and then an hour's drive to Drummond Coal Company in Sayre. It's a routine he has followed for the past three summers.

"Drummond is a strip mining operation so I don't have to go into the mines," Major said. "I'm working in a parts house doing a little inventory, parts running and cleaning up. I checked into several accounting jobs, but the mining paid more and this helps me keep in shape. I'm definitely used to the summer heat because it gets pretty hot in there. The fact that I'm not killing myself every day at work gives me a good chance to work out that much harder when I get off in the afternoon." When the whistle ends his work day at 3:15, he picks up his cleats and shorts and heads for the practice field.

"I'm doing a lot of explosive work this summer," Major said as he explained his summer routine. "I'm working on 30-yard bursts, running up the stadium steps, 100-yard strides and usually a couple of 440s every day.

"It's not that long until we report, so I'll start really gearing things up here soon." Bama's football players will report for practice for the September 8 Georgia Tech game in mid-August, working a few days just in shorts.

Many of Major's friends urged him not to go to Alabama when his prep career was finished. Why, they reasoned, should a man of his talents go where he would likely not run the ball more than 10 or 15 times per game?

The flash off the diamond ring on his right hand summarized his answer.

"Individual awards are fine, but you can't imagine what it means to have a national championship ring on your finger. The coaches here are going to do what it takes to win, whether it's me running the ball 100 times a game or not running it at all. Who can argue with our record?

"The main thing is for the team to win. If I've got my mind on winning, personal accomplishments won't enter my mind.

Right: Jeff Rutledge looks downfield while an in tense Ogilvie rolls right for a screen pass.

How many times do you hear a player say the award was great, but a national championship would have been better? You can't top a national championship."

Major's coach at Alabama is George "Shorty" White, a former outstanding high school coach at Banks who is beginning his fifth year on the Alabama staff.

"Major is everything that a coach could ask for," says coach White. "He's a winner to begin with and he's got the dedication that it takes to improve on every play in practice and in games. He's worked as hard as anyone we've had and it shows. Blocking is so important to our offense and Major has become a very, very fine blocker. He graded a winner blocking in every game we had last year."

With the Alabama season now a month and a half away, the steady stream of questions directed to Major by fans and well wishers has changed from last season to the upcoming campaign. Major's train of thought has also changed in that direction.

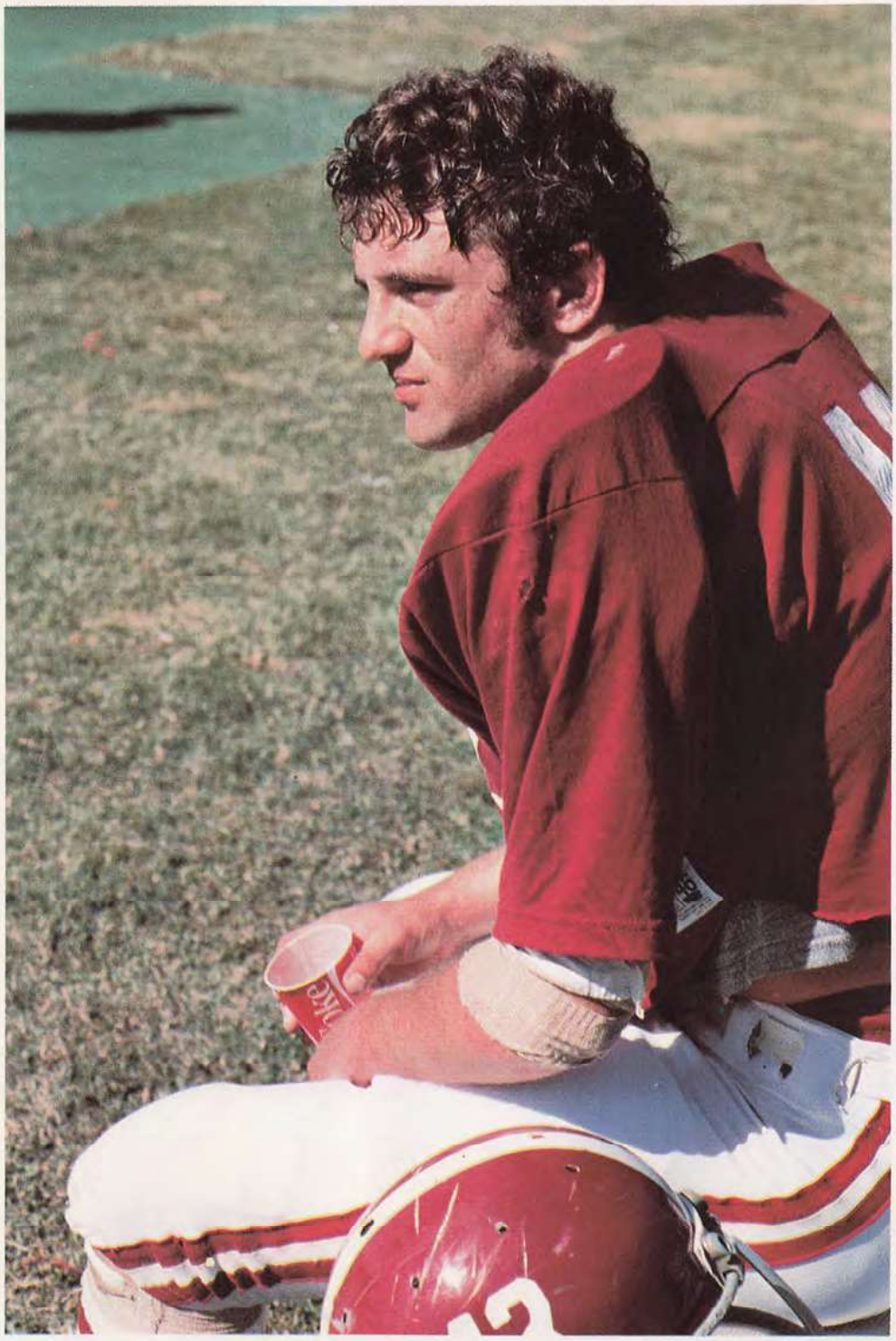
"It seems that all good things come to an end pretty quick," he said. "All of a sudden it's next year.

"Everyone's been telling me on paper it looks simple, but I've been looking at the wrong paper or something. We can't take anyone lightly. Coach Bryant *SURE* isn't going to let us do that. We get reminded of that 1974 game with Florida State by him from time-to-time. (Alabama won 8-7 against the 15-straight game losers with a last minute field goal.)

"It's easy to get up for the big ones, but the other ones are a little harder. That's maybe a bigger challenge than the others.

"About the only thing I know for sure about next year is that I'm ready to get cranked up."

You and thousands of others in the Bama camp, Major.



Right: Major takes a break while the Tide defense does its job. Ogilvie's sure of one thing about the 1979 season: "I'm cranked up!"

THE STATISTICAL SIDE OF MAJOR

Anyone who has ever watched Alabama play knows that far more than statistics go into the value of Major Ogilvie to Crimson Tide success. However, since that is the yardstick of football players — statistics — let's look at Major's:

YEAR	RUSHES	YARDS	AVG.	TDs	RECEPTS.	YARDS	TDS
1977 (Frosh)	34	184	5.4	0	0	0	0
1978 (Soph)	90	583	6.5	8	8	13	1
TOTALS	124	767	6.2	8	8	13	1
TOTALS INCLUDING BOWL GAMES	144	836	5.8	10	8	20	1

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

BAMA'S BANNER YEAR

by Gay Seivers

Women's athletics at the University of Alabama enjoyed a banner year of intercollegiate competition during 1978-79. Four Crimson Tide teams placed among the top twenty schools in national championships, and on the local level, Alabama women won two regional and three state titles.

The Tide took 11th place in swimming, 17th in volleyball, and 18th in both cross country and in golf at the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national championships. The cross country and swimming teams won the Region 3 title, and basketball, tennis and volleyball were Alabama AIAW champions.

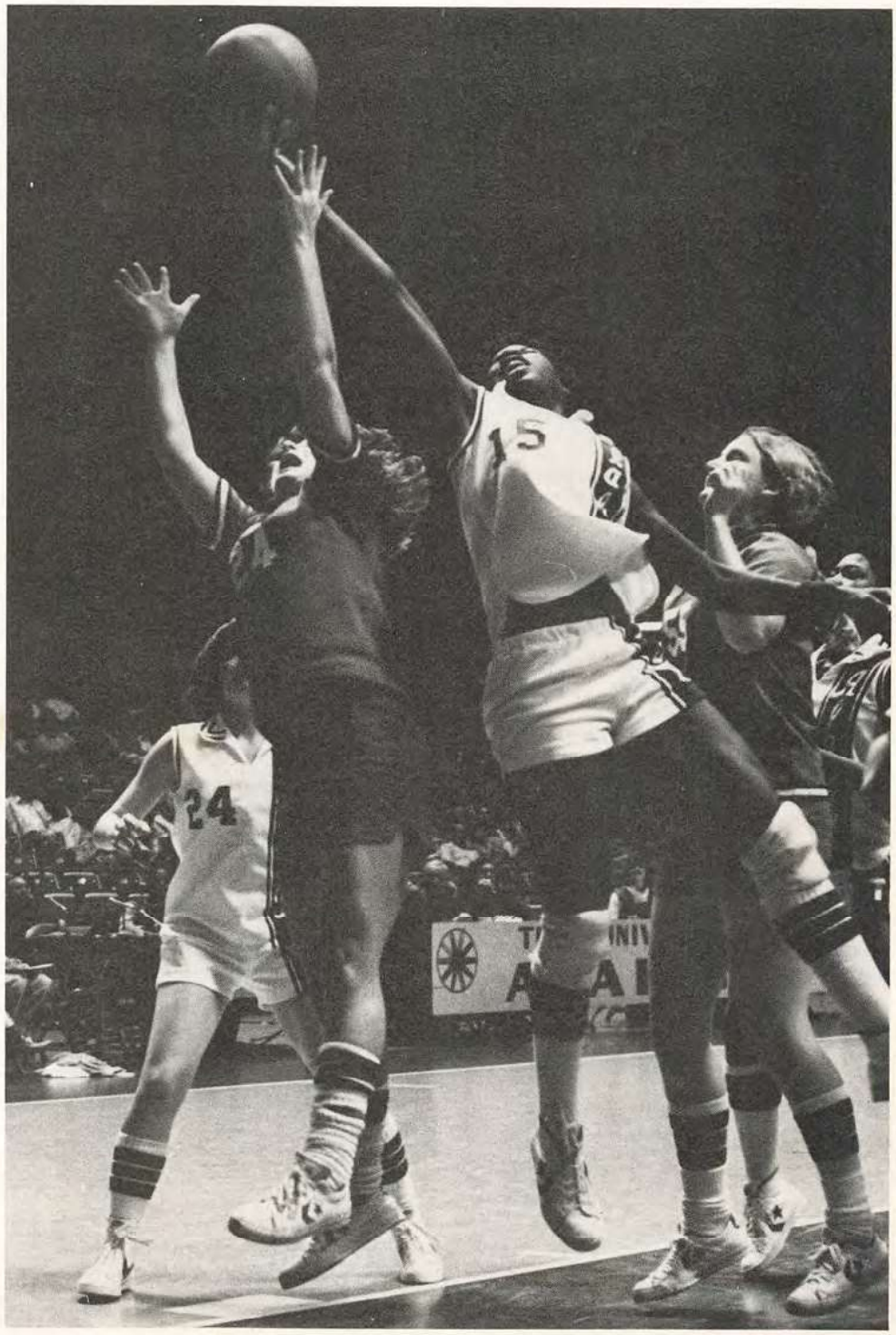
BASKETBALL

Second-year coach Ed Nixon led the Crimson Tide team to its third consecutive state championship and a 6-2 won-loss record in the AAIAW Large College Division.

Alabama placed Sandra Murray, Anne Cale and Glenda Boss on the all-state team and Boss and Leslie Payne on the all-state tournament squad.

The team finished the AIAW Region 3 Championship in a four-way tie for fifth place after losing to eventual champion Valdosta State College in the opening round.

Nixon's team finished the season 13-13. Cale, a 6-3 sophomore, was the team's top scorer with a 14.3 average and Boss, also a sophomore, was next with a 13.0 average. Leslie Payne topped all rebounders with 8.6 caroms per game. Murray and Cale were tied for second in the rebounding category with 7.0. Murray, a junior, led the team with 54 steals and also was the third-leading scorer (12.3 ppg).



Junior Sandra Murray (No. 15) stretches for a rebound. She averaged 7.0 boards and 12.3 points per game, and led the team with 54 steals.

Cindy Sturm was the 49th individual finisher at the national cross country meet as Alabama took 18th place.

CROSS COUNTRY

In just two short years, Alabama's women's cross country team has achieved national prominence by winning the Region 3 title and taking 18th place in the national championships.

Freshman Cindy Sturm won the individual regional title and led the Tide at nationals in Denver, finishing in 49th place.

At the regional championship in Atlanta, seven Alabama runners finished the race in the top 19 places.

During the season, the team won the Memphis State Invitational, edging out Southern Illinois on a tie-breaker rule. In the Azalea City Invitational in Mobile, the Tide was second behind Florida State, and in its own Invitational at the University Golf Course, Alabama was third behind FSU and Auburn.

GOLF

In its first fall season under coach Bob Montgomery, who joined the staff in the winter of 1978, the golf team won the Michigan State Invitational and sophomore Peggy Kirsch garnered medalist honors. Sophomore Linda Miller was third at the East Lansing tournament.

Kirsch concluded the season in June with a ninth place finish at the AIAW nationals and the team was 18th. Sophomore Denise Lyle placed in the top 25.

The team was second at the Lady Seminole at Florida State and third at the Lady Paladin at Furman and at the Lady Kat in Kentucky. The Tide was sixth in the Lady Gator at Florida.

Alabama started the fall season at the Susie Maxwell Berning in Oklahoma with a 10th place finish.

At the Women's Southern Intercollegiate Championship in Georgia, the Tide was 14th and finished in seventh place for the Region 3 title during the WSIC.

Junior Barb Moran led four of Alabama's novice tournament players to a 13th-place finish at the Peggy Kirk Bell Tournament at Rollins College in January.

And last winter, junior Wendy Wenz became the first Tide woman golfer to play in international competition. She was 12th at the Mexican Amateur Championship in Mexico City.

GYMNASTICS

Sophomore Ann Wood won the uneven bar and floor exercise to capture the AAIAW all-around individual title and the Tide took third place, behind Jacksonville State and Auburn.

Wood was named to the All-Region team with her eighth place finish in the Region 3 competition. The team took fifth.

The Tide gymnasts posted a .500 dual meet record under first-year coach Sarah Campbell. The seven wins were over Georgia College, Jefferson State Junior College, East Tennessee State, Western Kentucky, Memphis State and two wins over Mississippi University for Women.

Alabama lost meets to Florida, Georgia, Auburn, Appalachia State, Bowling Green State, Indiana and Jacksonville State.

Injuries plagued the team throughout the season, as number two gymnast Kathy Willis was sidelined halfway through the season with a shoulder injury. Junior College All-America Debra Bodley injured a shoulder in an automobile accident early in the season, and senior Snow White retired due to an aggravated back injury. White served as student assistant in her final season.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Ten swimmers and three divers tallied 141 points at the AIAW nationals to finish in 11th place and shock the pre-season pollsters, who never considered Alabama as a

top contender.

Tide swimmers recorded 16 personal best times and two season best times at the national meet.

Freshman Marla Brooksbank was second in the 1650-yard freestyle in a new team record of 16:27.57. She was 11th in the 500 freestyle in a new team record of 4:52.12 and was 15th in the 400 individual medley.

Freshman Karre Cox set three team records as she finished fourth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 100 freestyle and 12th in the 50 butterfly.

Freshman Lena deVaal set two team records with a sixth place in the 400 individual medley and 11th in the 200 butterfly.

The 200 freestyle relay team was 14th; the 400 freestyle relay was ninth (team record) and the 800 freestyle relay was 12th (team record).

The 200 medley relay was ninth and the 400 medley relay was 15th.

Swimming the relays besides Brooksbank, Cox and deVaal were Molly Frantz, Carole Gough, Carrie Hutt, Rosemarie "Bud" Seaman, Kellie Stratton and Kathy Williams.

Freshman diver Barbara Logan was 14th in both the one-meter and three-meter events and junior diver Cindy Riddell was 10th in the three-meter board.

The Tide won two championships this season when it captured the Region 3 Championship in a record 1163 points and won the Southern Intercollegiate title for the second consecutive year.

During the regular season, the team was 6-2. The Tide defeated Florida State, Indian River Community College, LSU, Furman, Auburn and Tennessee. The losses were to North Carolina State and Michigan.

TENNIS

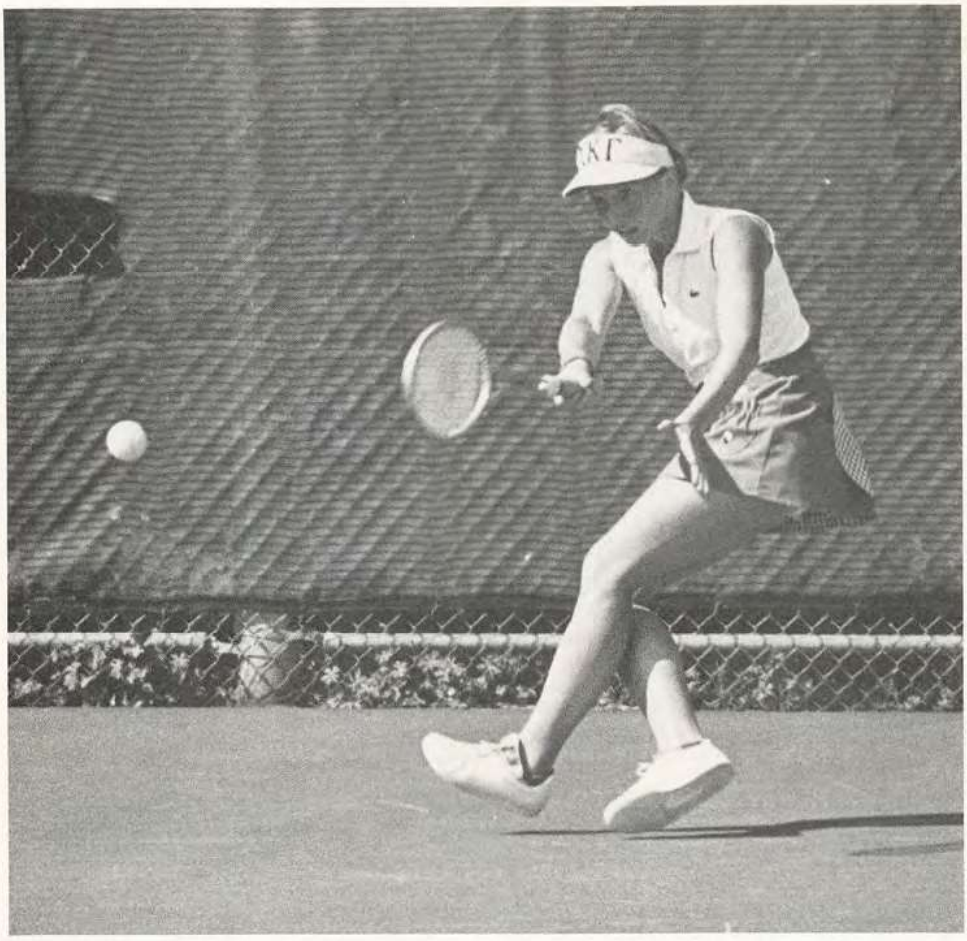
Alabama capped the season with its second Alabama AIAW championship in three years, under the direction of first-year coach Mark Heinrich.

After being seeded third behind Auburn and South Alabama, the Tide won the title by shutting out South Alabama 9-0, then defeating Auburn 5-4 in a grueling six-hour match.

Alabama hosted the Region 3 championship and lost to Mississippi State in first-round action. In individual competition at the regional tournament, juniors Nancy Pate and Valerie Taylor finished in a four-way tie for fifth in doubles competition by winning one match and losing in the second.

Sophomore Bari Blake and freshman Lee Ann Massucci lost their first round doubles match.

Above: Sophomore Ann Wood, who won two events to win the state all-around title. Below: Junior Cindy Riddell won the three-meter competition at the Region 3 championships.



After posting a 4-4 record during the fall season, the Tide rallied for 12 wins and 4 losses during the spring. The team won eight consecutive matches before its first loss this spring.

The winningest individuals for Alabama during the spring season were the No. 3 doubles team, Pate and Taylor, who were 18-2. Taylor was 15-3 as the No. 5 singles player.

Pate, after beating senior Theresa Partlow in intrasquad challenge matches for the No. 6 position, was 11-0. Partlow had a 7-0 ledger to complete an undefeated season for the No. 6 players.

Senior Pat Morgan was 15-3 in the No. 4 spot. Morgan teamed with junior Cindy Jones as the No. 1 doubles team posted an 11-5 record. Jones, playing No. 1 singles, was 6-10.

Blake, a sophomore, and Massucci, a freshman, were 15-3 as the No. 2 doubles pair. At No. 2 singles, Blake was 10-8 and Massucci a 9-9.

In two tournaments this season, the Tide was fourth in the Clemson Invitational and

Left: Nancy Pate was 15-3 in the No. 5 singles spot, and teamed with Valerie Taylor for an 18-2 record at No. 3 doubles. Below: Susan Jackson won the 3000 at the Alabama AIAW meet, when the Tide finished second to Auburn.

Donna Philpot spikes the ball through an Ole Miss player's block while all-state setter Donna Tubbs (No. 4) looks on in the AIAW national championships hosted by Alabama.

fifth at the Middle Tennessee State Tournament.

TRACK AND FIELD

During the limited indoor season, the track and field team won a dual meet over LSU and was second in a quadrangular meet behind Texas A&M.

The outdoor season began with a win at the Alabama Invitational over nine teams from the southeast.

Alabama participated in 12 of the 15 events and had at least one athlete place in the top six in each of the 12 events.

The Tide's dominance showed in the 1500-meter run, with Alabama taking the first six places out of 15 entrants. In the 5000, Alabama runners were 1-2-3.

The field event athletes scored one-third of Alabama's winning score as Mary Cate Rush won the javelin and the discus and was second in the shot put. Debra Och won the shot put and Lisa Burks was second in the high jump.

In the rainy Memphis State Invitational, the Tide was ninth out of 16 top teams from the southeast and mideast.

The 440-yard relay team (Belinda Little, Michelle Morgan, Stephanie Amey, Sindy Willard) finished second behind national powerhouse Tennessee State. Rush was third in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Och was fourth in the shot.

For the first time in its three-year history, the Tide track and field team lost a dual meet to Auburn.

Alabama won only three first places: Cindy Sturm (3000), Linda McLennan (5000) and Burks (high jump).

Tuscaloosa was the site of the second outdoor meet, where Alabama took second behind Memphis State in a five-team meet.

At Domino's Pizza Track Classic in Tallahassee, Alabama qualified four runners for the national meet and was first or second in 10 of 18 events.

Little turned in an outstanding performance there as she won the 100- and 200-meter dashes and ran on the winning 400- and 1600-meter relay teams.

At the Alabama AIAW State Championship, the Tide scored 185 points to finish second to Auburn's 263 points.

Carol Seng won the 1500, Sue Jackson won the 3000 and Sturm won the 5000 for Alabama, while Auburn won 11 events. The Tide posted 10 second place finishes and seven third places in the two-day event.

Seven members of the Alabama team qualified for the AIAW national meet, but none scored team points in that meet.

VOLLEYBALL

The nation's top 24 volleyball teams descended on Tuscaloosa last December as Alabama hosted the AIAW National Championships.

The Tide finished in a tie for 17th after beating Oregon (which finished 21st), and losing matches to Hawaii (3rd), San Jose (7th), Texas-Arlington (9th) and Pittsburgh (13th).

Alabama's overall record was 33 wins and 19 losses, boosting fifth-year coach Schleuder's lifetime record (six years) to 195-59.

The team won a record-setting third consecutive Alabama AIAW title after going undefeated through eight matches of Alabama Large College divisional play.

Four players were selected to the All-State Team and three were named to the All-State Tournament team. Mary Hudgins, Mara Richters, and Cindy Vordenbaum were named to both prestigious teams. Donna Tubbs, a hitter-turned-setter after JC All-America setter Cindy Nero required knee surgery early in the season, was named to the All-State team.

At the AIAW Region 3 Championship, Alabama finished in third place by defeating Florida in three straight games. The Tide lost to Florida State in the semi-finals and FSU beat Ole Miss for the title.

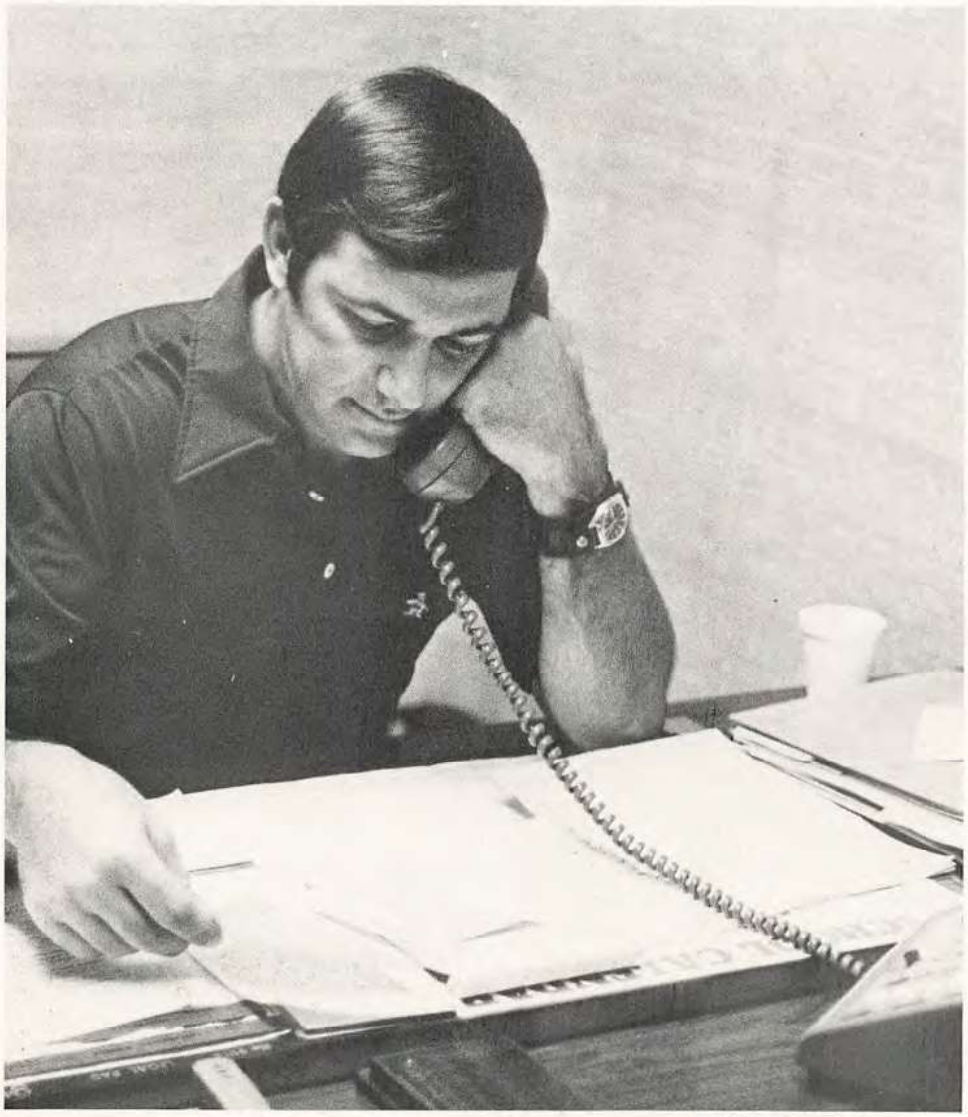
Richters was the only Alabama player named to the All-Region team.

In future issues, the teams, coaches and athletes in the eight-sport women's program will be featured.

BAMA SCORECARD

NEW BASEBALL COACH — Barry Shollenberger has been named the new baseball coach at Alabama. He's a veteran of high school, junior college and college coaching and is a former professional player. The 37-year-old Pennsylvania native comes to Alabama from Western Kentucky, where in three years he turned a program around from having won six games to being divisional champion. Shollenberger was then named Ohio Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year. He was an assistant coach at Alabama in 1974 and 1975 and the Alabama pitching staff under his direction was one of the nation's best, with combined earn run averages of 2.06, ninth in the nation in 1974 and 2.85 in 1975.

HUDSON TO UNA — Wendell Hudson, who had been dropped to part time assistant basketball coach under NCAA rules imposed a couple of years ago, has left the Crimson Tide fold to become top assistant at the University of North Alabama in Florence. Wendell, who was the first black athlete on scholarship at Alabama, held numerous Crimson Tide records until Reggie King completed his career this year. Nevertheless, as a two-time Southeastern Conference Player-of-the-Year and All-America, as well as paving the way for black athletes to become a part of the University's program, Wendell will long be remembered by Crimson Tide fans. Wendell was a winner as a member of the state championship Parker High School team of Birmingham, a winner at Alabama and now joins coach Bill Jones' team that won the NCAA Division II national championship last year.



ROAD HEADQUARTERS — Here are Alabama's road headquarters for 1979 football games: Birmingham games — Ramada Inn Bessemer; Georgia Tech — Atlanta Marriott; Vanderbilt — Holiday Inn Vanderbilt in Nashville; Florida — Silver Springs Holiday Inn; LSU — Bellemont in Baton Rouge.

BIG WEEKEND FOR REGGIE — Alabama basketball star Reggie King enjoyed a big weekend to wrap up the month of June. Friday, June 22, in Atlanta Reggie was named the Southeastern Conference Athlete-of-theYear in voting by SEC Sports Information Directors and sponsoring television station sports directors throughout the Southeast. He was selected over the likes of two-time All-America running back Charles Alexander of LSU, NCAA champion hurdler James Walker of Auburn, SEC football rushing leader Willie McClendon of Georgia and SEC basketball scoring champion John Stroud of Ole Miss. Then on Monday, June 25, Reggie was selected in the first round of the National Basketball Association draft by the Kansas City Kings. The Kings said that they had planned on drafting a guard, but when it came time to select and Reggie was available they decided it was more important to get a player of his caliber than a guard.

Left: Barry Schollenberger, Alabama's new baseball coach.

JV SCHEDULE — Alabama redshirted 21 freshmen last year under the shortlived NCAA rule that allowed that practice. This year the Tide had 25 freshmen football players reporting and they will not be able to be redshirted. Therefore, it could be a very quality junior varsity football team that takes the field under coach Jack Rutledge. Bama has four junior varsity games scheduled this season, none in Tuscaloosa. The schedule is Friday, October 19 vs. Ole Miss in Oxford at 1:30 p.m.; Friday, November 2 vs. Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, at 7:30 p.m. EST; Friday, November 9 against Marion Institute in Marion at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, November 24 against Auburn either in Birmingham or Auburn at a time to be announced.

PHILLIPS PICKED — Standout freshman Bama basketball player Eddie Phillips will be a member of the South team in the 1979 National Sports Festival basketball tournament conducted by the United States Olympic Committee. The tournament will be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 27-August 1, with many of the nation's premier college freshmen and high school standouts playing on the four 11-man teams. Phillips, who moved right into a starting spot at Alabama last season, averaged 14.5 points per game and established a new field goal shooting percentage record of .602. The 6-6, 220-pound forward was the SEC Freshman-of-the-Year.

ABC VISITS — ABC-TV sportscaster Keith Jackson and a camera crew were in Tuscaloosa June 29, spending the day interviewing coach Bryant. Part of the interview segment will be used on the ABC College Football Preview Show to be seen nationwide Sunday, August. 19. Part of the segment will be telecast at halftime of the nationally televised Alabama-Georgia Tech game, which kicks off this fall's TV schedule at 4:50 p.m. EDT Saturday, September 8 from Grant Field in Atlanta. This is the third time in the past five years and the second consecutive year that Bama has been selected to be the leadoff TV game.

HOLLIFIELD ON TOUR — Former University of Alabama golfer Tony Hollifield, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, who signed at the same time with the Crimson Tide as Jerry Pate and Alan Pate, has joined those two on the PGA tour. Tony scored a hole-in-one on the 199-yard fifth hole in the Memphis Open.

— Kirk McNair

Reggie King was named SEC athlete of the year and was drafted in the first round by the Kansas City Kings, all in one weekend.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

1979 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ALABAMA
Sept. 8—Georgia Tech
Sept. 22—BAYLOR (B)*
Sept. 29—at Vanderbilt
Oct. 6—WICHITA STATE (T)
Oct. 13—at Florida
Oct. 20—TENNESSEE (B)
Oct. 27—VIRGINIA TECH (T)
Nov. 3—MISSISSIPPI ST. (T)
Nov. 10—at LSU
Nov. 17—MIAMI (T)
Dec. 1—AUBURN (B)

AUBURN
Sept. 15—KANSAS ST.
Sept. 22—S. MISS
Sept. 29—at Tennessee
Oct. 6—N.C. STATE
Oct. 13—VANDERBILT
Oct. 20—at Georgia Tech
Oct. 27—at Wake Forest
Nov. 3—FLORIDA
Nov. 10—MISSISSIPPI ST.
Nov. 17—at Georgia
Dec. 1—at Alabama (B)

FLORIDA
Sept. 15—at Houston
Sept. 22—GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 29—at Miss. State
Oct. 6—at LSU
Oct. 13—ALABAMA
Oct. 27—TULSA
Nov. 3—at Auburn
Nov. 10—GEORGIA (J)**
Nov. 17—KENTUCKY
Nov. 24—FLORIDA ST.
Dec. 1—at Miami

GEORGIA
Sept. 15—WAKE FOREST
Sept. 22—at Clemson
Sept. 29—S. CAROLINA
Oct. 6—at Ole Miss
Oct. 13—LSU
Oct. 20—at Vanderbilt
Oct. 27—KENTUCKY
Nov. 3—VIRGINIA
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Dec. 1—at Georgia Tech

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Sept. 15—MIAMI (OH.)
Sept. 22—at Indiana
Sept. 29—MARYLAND
Oct. 6—at W. Virginia
Oct. 13—OLE MISS
Oct. 20—at LSU
Oct. 27—at Georgia
Nov. 3—BOWLING GREEN
Nov. 10—at Vanderbilt
Nov. 17—at Florida
Nov. 24—TENNESSEE

LSU
Sept. 15—at Colorado
Sept. 22—RICE
Sept. 29—SOUTHERN CAL
Oct. 6—FLORIDA
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Nov. 17—MISSISSIPPI ST.
Nov. 24—at Tulane

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Sept. 15—at Memphis St.
Sept. 22—MISSOURI (J)¢
Sept. 29—S. MISS. (J).
Oct. 6—GEORGIA (O)
Oct. 13—at Kentucky
Oct. 20—at S. Carolina
Oct. 27—VANDERBILT (O)
Nov. 3—LSU (J)
Nov. 10—at Tulane
Nov. 17—TENNESSEE (J)
Nov. 24—at Miss. St. (J)

MISSISSIPPI STATE
Sept. 8—MEMPHIS ST. (J)#
Sept. 22—at Maryland
Sept. 29—FLORIDA (J)
Oct. 6—at Tennessee
Oct. 13—at Florida St.
Oct. 20—MARSHALL (S)
Oct. 27—S. MISS. (S)
Nov. 3—at Alabama (T)
Nov. 10—at Auburn
Nov. 17—at LSU
Nov. 24—OLE MISS (J)

TENNESSEE
Sept. 15—at Boston College
Sept. 22—UTAH
Sept. 29—AUBURN
Oct. 6—at Miss. St.
Oct. 13—GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 20—at Alabama (B)
Nov. 3—RUTGERS
Nov. 10—NOTRE DAME
Nov. 17—at Ole Miss (J)
Nov. 24—at Kentucky
Dec. 1—VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT
Sept. 15—at Indiana
Sept. 22—CITADEL
Sept. 29—ALABAMA
Oct. 6—at Tulane
Oct. 13—at Auburn
Oct. 20—GEORGIA
Oct. 27—at Ole Miss (O)
Nov. 3—MEMPHIS ST.
Nov. 10—KENTUCKY
Nov. 17—at Air Force
Dec. 1—at Tennessee

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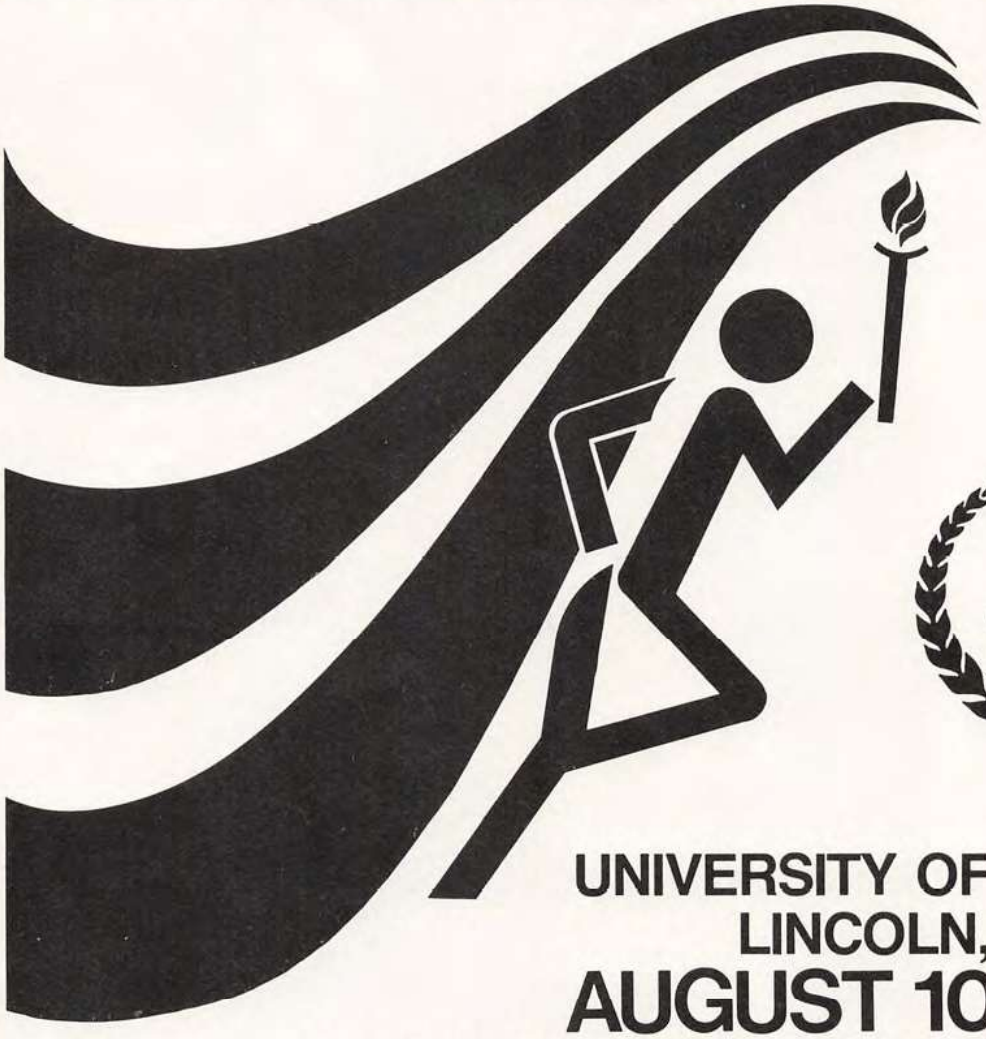

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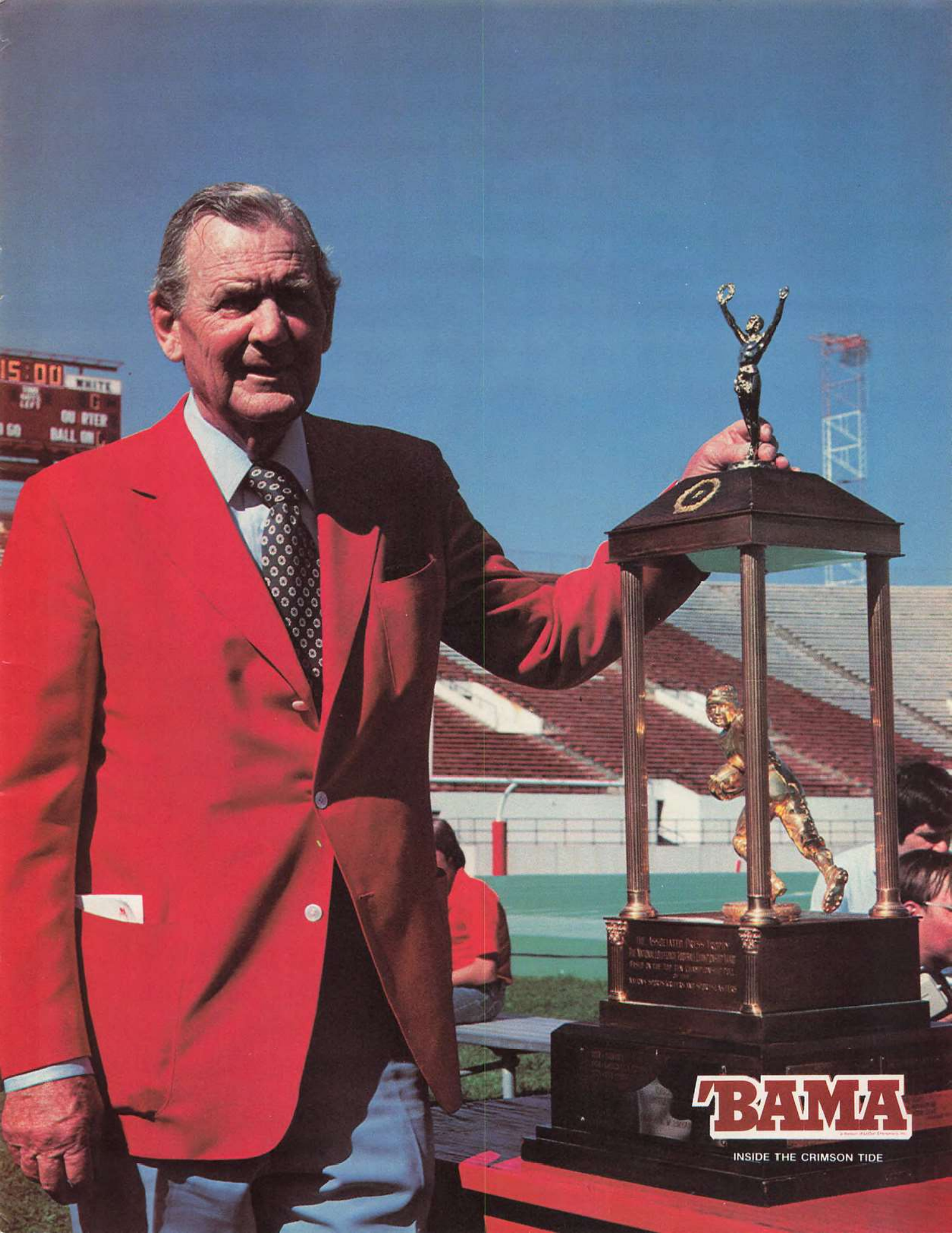
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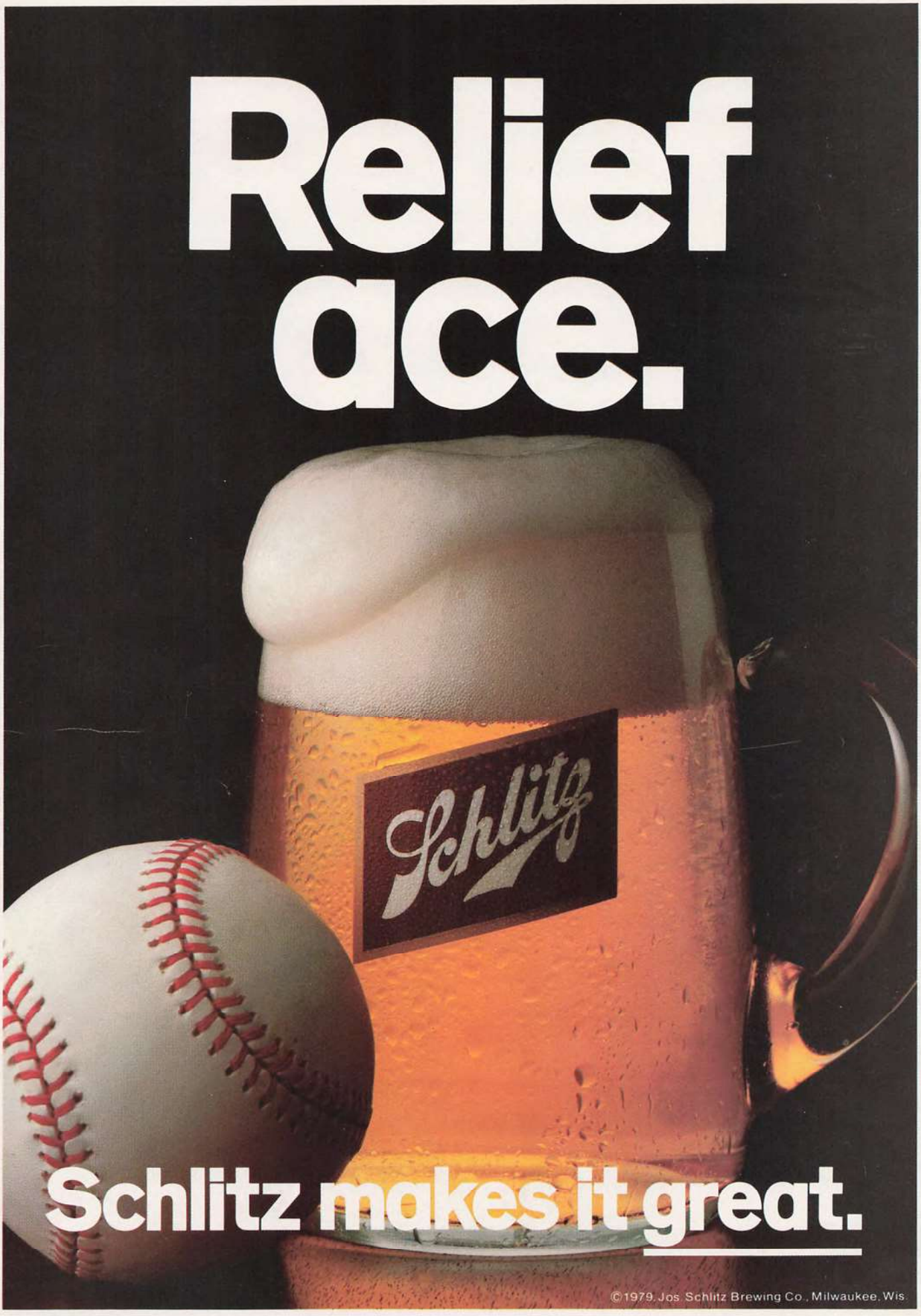
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